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and a mountain of wood to split

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at Telstar complex

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'Lemme tell you about this guy up on the thatch'

The Telstar High School Theater Department will present "Fiddler on the Roof" next week. The performances will take place Thursday, May 14; Friday, May 15; Saturday, May 16. The all-high-school cast and crew will be accompanied by the Telstar Theater instrumental ensemble. Pictured here are Karen White, Victoria Forkus and Ciara Nadeau. All shows begin at 7 p.m. in the Helen C. Berry Auditorium at Telstar. Admission is free, with donations accepted at the door. For more information call 824-2136. (Photo: Jim Hannigan/Intervale Photography)



Program 4:30 today:

Heat held captive in 'passive' houses

By ALISON ALOISIO
"Passive homes," which use 80 to 90 percent less energy for heating, will be the topic of today's (Thursday) Down Home Maine presentation at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel.

Local builder Jesper Kruse of Greenwood, who is studying to become a passive-home consultant, will describe the methods that go into construction of such homes.

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Wood seen as viable heating source for some of our public buildings

By ALISON ALOISIO
Research presented at a recent Bethel forum shows that Gould Academy and Telstar could save significant money on heating fuel costs by changing to a wood-chip boiler system.

Gould CFO Peter Rackliffe and representatives from the Biomass Energy Resource Center reported on their separate studies of the local potential for wood chip/pellet fuel. The results were presented at a forum at Gould hosted by the Mahoosuc Land Trust.

Gould currently uses 150,000 gallons of heating oil annually, Rackliffe said. Converting to wood chips could save an estimated \$150,000 in the first

year, his research showed. The calculations were done when oil was \$2.10 a gallon, he said.

Estimate: Over 30 years, Telstar could save \$3 million.

"We're in the middle of a great place for this kind of energy scenario," Rackliffe said. "We'd like to buy all our energy from people who work and live in this community. We're also an educational institution. This sets an example for the kids we work with."

Rackliffe said his school has

had two engineering studies done in the past three years. "It was obvious that this was worth pursuing," he said.

Heating Gould would require approximately 1,900 tons of wood a year — roughly two or three truckloads of chips per week, he said.

Before making a final decision, Rackliffe said, Gould would carefully consider the logistics of delivery and storage at its village location.

Public buildings

In a separate effort, the Biomass Energy Resource Center of Montpelier, Vt., conducted a preliminary study of the potential to heat public buildings in the Bethel region with

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Greenwood selectmen agree to send land-use ordinance to town vote

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Come August, Greenwood voters will finally get to decide if there town is to adopt a comprehensive land-management ordinance.

Town selectmen voted unanimously Tuesday

to put the matter to a town vote in August, after an ad-hoc "advisory" committee currently going through a 37-page ordinance draft completes (hopefully) its review.

If the ordinance does indeed go to vote that month, it will have been a long time coming.

The idea for such an ordinance (which would replace a

three-quarters-of-a-page document that currently sets out the town's land-use requirements) grew out of Greenwood's Comprehensive Plan, completed in 2004.

Special Town Meeting will be held in August.

Two years later the town Planning Board began working on the ordinance, with the assistance of John Maloney, of the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments.

That work went slowly, held up in part by a decision in 2007 to include requirements addressing hillside and ridgeline

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Two-year MDOT plan pencils in \$10 million for roads, bridges here

The Maine Department of Transportation's two-year Capital Work Plan includes several projects in the Bethel area, including \$9 million of road and bridge work in Gil-ead.

According to information provided by the office of state Rep. Jarrod Crockett (R-Bethel), the projects include:

\$385,000 budgeted toward new construction at the Bethel Regional Airport;

A bridge deck replacement for the Canadian National Railroad Crossing Bridge on Route 2 in Bethel, budgeted at \$800,000;

Replacement of the Wild River Bridge on Route 2, budgeted at \$3,440,000;

Strut replacement along Route 232 in Woodstock, budgeted at \$120,000.

The statewide plan encompasses work on almost 140 bridges and more than 70 miles of arterial and collector highways.

The plan does not include projects being funded with federal stimulus money. It only includes projects being funded through the normal biennial budget.

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20 contractors volunteer to tackle Telstar projects

By ALISON ALOISIO

On May 16 more than 20 area contractors will tackle a long list of projects at the Telstar complex.

And SAD44 won't have to pay them a cent.

The brainchild of contractor Rick Savage of Savage Construction, "Contractors' Day" starts with a 6:30 a.m. breakfast in the cafeteria, prepared by the Bethel Inn and served by Telstar students and staff.

The contractors, carpenters, landscapers, painters

and other professionals will then get to work both inside and outside the 40-year-old building on two dozen projects.

Among them: building a small storage shed for the upper sports fields; installing protective dugout fencing at four existing dugouts; installing pole fencing around a large propane tank; creating

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Letters

MCB'S ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT

To the Editor:

The Mahoosuc Community Band is excited to have its spring concert May 11 at 7 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel. The concert includes a variety of styles, including "Pictures of an Exhibition," "Voyageurs" by Pierre La Plante, "A Tribute to George Harrison" and other favorites. In addition Marion Hotopp, a senior at Telstar, will play a horn solo, accompanied by Lynn Arizzi. Marion is planning to go to Potsdam in the fall to study professional music. Refreshments will be available after the concert.

The band is preparing for the summer, with Memorial Day parades, Mollyockett Day parade and concert, a music festival in Waterford on July 26th and end-of-the-summer concert in Bethel.

Again the band wants to thank the community businesses for supporting our annual ad campaign for our programs. And thanks to the individuals that have made donations to continue our music in the community. These financial donations help us with music purchases, and equipment purchases.

The band rehearses on Monday nights at 7 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church. New members are always welcome. How long has it been since you picked up that clarinet or that trumpet? It only takes a little time to blow that dust off, get your lip in shape and remember the fingering. Maybe you need to buy a new reed? Music is something to enjoy throughout our lifetime. Young people from area middle schools or high schools are welcome to join the band for the summer.

*Jane Chandler
Mahoosuc Community Band*

WEEKEND OF MUSIC, MURDER

To the Editor:

On May 14, 15 and 16 at 7 p.m. the Telstar High School Theater Department will present "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Helen C. Berry Auditorium, Telstar High School. Admission is free.

On the same three dates at 6 p.m. the Bethel Players will present a murder mystery dinner theatre called "Good Help Is So Hard to Murder" at The Victoria Inn. Call the Victoria for reservations, 824-8060.

This theatre weekend is a great opportunity to get out for two nights of terrific entertainment. This "Broadway in Bethel" weekend should offer the local businesses many promotional possibilities. We hope they will take advantage of this opportunity to promote and invite guests to enjoy theatre in Bethel. It is always fun to see our children, friends and neighbors on stage. We invite you to join us in supporting all these talented performers and making this weekend of local theatre a memorable one.

*Lynn Arizzi and Ross Timberlake
Bethel Performing Arts Project*

POMONA BENEFIT SUPPER

To the Editor:

Franklin Grange 124 in Bryant Pond will be hosting a benefit Grange supper for Oxford Pomona Grange 2 on Saturday, May 9, beginning at 5 p.m. The menu will include baked beans, casseroles, salads and desserts. The cost will be \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12.

The various subordinate or community Granges, which comprise Oxford Pomona, are joining forces to assist in this effort to bolster the treasury of this Pomona Grange, which was formed on Oct. 1, 1875 and is the second oldest Pomona (or County) Grange in the state. The original founders of the Grange in 1867 did not envision these county level organizations, but it became clear that a regional focus would assist in strengthening the Order as it moved into all regions of the Nation.

Oxford Pomona Grange continues to support various charitable causes and community services. Each year donations are made to regional food pantries as well.

So come and join your neighbors for a traditional Grange supper in Bryant Pond on May 9.

*Stan Howe, Master
Oxford Pomona Grange 2*

THANKS, GOULD STUDENTS

To the Editor:

Thank you to Gould Academy students for extending your time and efforts in keeping our community clean and tidy. Your efforts did not go unnoticed. We appreciate all your help.

*Officer Grenier
Bethel Police Department*

UNUSUAL ENCOUNTERS

To the Editor:

We watched two moose browsing just outback the other day. What were their names? They did not say. But from their spring appearance, it seemed to me One hailed "Old Shaggy," the other just plain "Ug-y-ly."

*Walter Brough
Greenwood*

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REMEMBERING HELEN MORTON

To the Editor:

The recent death of Helen Morton last month causes many of us to pause and recall what a dedicated member of the greater Bethel community she was for so many years. She was a very familiar figure in local art circles, the Bethel Congregational Church and of course the Bethel Historical Society.

I think I first came into contact with Helen while I was in grade school in the 1950s when she would substitute for one or another of our regular teachers. Two things I recall from those days: she wore very high heels possibly to make her look taller and she handled a potential disciplinary problem so well with a bit of sarcasm that this particular student never bothered her again. It was a masterful performance that greatly impressed this writer.

When I came to serve as chief administrator of the Bethel Historical Society thirty-five years ago this month, I don't think Helen was even a member, but it was soon after that time that I came to know her well as one of our most dedicated and longest serving volunteers. She remained a guide in the museum on Sunday afternoons for over thirty years and was active in the annual Faye Taylor Art Show for more than a quarter century. The Program Committee was also one her major interests and she rarely missed any society event until her health began to fail.

Helen was an individual with strong opinions, but I don't recall ever really disagreeing with her on any matter of substance. We certainly enjoyed discussing our experiences at meetings and events and would often share a good laugh over some amusing thing that happened to one or another of the people we knew.

I think the ice storm of 1998 was a turning point in Helen's long life. It was a particularly hard time for her as she refused to leave her house under any circumstances and kept her wood stove going all during that very difficult period. I stayed in touch with her throughout that ordeal and had lined up people willing to keep her fire going while she took a break, but she refused. When her good friend Persis Post celebrated her 90th birthday at my house during that time, I told Helen that I had recruited someone to come and stay at her house while she came to Sis's party, but she would not hear of it. We had lots of other people come to that event and stay way beyond the scheduled time since they were reluctant to return to their cold houses, but not Helen who remained adamantly at home feeding the home fire. Helen never seemed completely her old self after that ordeal. It was as if some of the "magic" of her personality had left her. She still functioned, but her humor was less contagious and her observations did not appear to be as clear as they had been formerly. Nevertheless, all of us who knew Helen will certainly miss the warmth of her smile and the keen interest she always showed in others.

*Stan Howe
Bethel*

FREE SHRINERS CLINIC

To the Editor:

I am a Shriner and with the help of Stephens Memorial Hospital we are having a screening clinic on May 9 from 9 a.m. until noon.

Once a year we bring the Boston Burn Hospital and the Springfield Orthopedics Hospital to the hometown of our perspective patients in the form of a clinic. We are committed to improving the lives of children with problems of the bones, muscles, and joints and provide rehabilitative care for burn injuries.

The Shriners provide this care free of charge to any child under the age of 18 based on the child's medical needs and if in the opinion of our physicians that the child could benefit from our special care.

For more information contact me after 5 p.m. at 824-3611. Thank you for your assistance.

*Eugene Tangay
Kora Shrine*

PRESCRIPTION DRUG MAIL-BACK PROGRAM

To the Editor:

Ever wonder how to dispose of expired or unused prescription medicine? Now, thanks to the Safe Medicine Disposal for ME Program, disposing of prescription medicine has never been safer or easier. The program provides postage-paid mailing kits to participating pharmacies in the area. Patrons can pick up these kits and then mail their unused medicine to the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency for proper disposal.

The Safe Medicine Disposal for ME Program, funded by the Environmental Protection Agency and administered by partnering agencies in Maine, helps to ensure that unused medicine does not harm Maine's waterways or wildlife and also ensures that medicine is not available for misuse.

This free program is available at the following Oxford County locations and is open to all Maine residents: Oxford County Sheriff's Dept., 26 Western Avenue, South Paris (743-9554); Rite Aid Pharmacy, 259 Main Street, South Paris (743-5177); Rite Aid Pharmacy, 7 Portland Street, Rumford (364-2969); Rite Aid Pharmacy, 119 Bridgton Road, Fryeburg (935-2045); Rite Aid Pharmacy, 29 Mayville Road, Bethel (824-8085).

Simply go to one of the pharmacies on this list to get your mail-back kit. Each kit comes with instructions and postage-paid mailer. If you would like more information, please contact mail-back program volunteers Barbara Payne (743-5677) or Chris Longley (824-2690), or you may e-mail info@safemeddisposal.com. The program is coordinated by the UMaine Center on Aging, Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, and the Maine Department of Health and Human Services.

*Barbara Payne
Volunteer, South Paris*

Projects

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flower beds around a flag pole, auditorium banking, and new Telstar kiosk sign areas; painting the rear outside wall of the gym with the school's "T-Star" logo; constructing a compost area; enlarging parking areas near the soccer and softball fields; retiling the Telstar Middle School office floor; checking all pipes and drains of kitchens and lab areas; as well as other painting and re-

pair work.

Savage, Telstar High School Principal Dan Hart and TMS Principal Sandy Schroeder came up with the to-do list.

"To me this is a Christmas present," Hart told the School Board last week.

"The community wants to do something in partnership and for the school. Professional contractors are giving up their day and using their

equipment. I'm just astonished."

The only cost the district will incur will be for materials — the fencing around the propane tank and the protective fencing on the baseball and softball dugouts.

The fencing will be purchased at contractors' rates, Hart said.

Contractors' Day is expected to be an annual event.

Greenwood

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development.

Finally, in June of last year, the Planning Board presented a draft (number six) to the selectmen, and in January of this year the planners asked the selectmen to put the document before voters at the annual Town Meeting, in March.

Concerns, however, were soon raised about language in the draft that appeared to regulate timber harvesting (over which the state, not the town, has jurisdiction) and the selectmen opted not to put the document forward at the annual Town Meeting — despite a petition from 66 residents calling on them to do so.

Instead, Draft Six was sent back to the Planning Board.

The timber-harvesting matter (which advisory committee member Henry Stewart, an attorney, termed "a technicality") was quickly put to rest.

Other questions, however, continued to arise. Several came from land and business owners concerned about the scope and complexity of the ordinance, and about what they regarded as vague and contradictory language.

To address those concerns an ad-hoc "advisory" committee was formed, consisting of Planning Board members and nine volunteers, some of them non-resident property owners.

That committee set out to review the draft yet again, and to recommend change where members felt change was needed.

That review has gone slowly.

At a meeting last week (its second), the committee worked for two-and-a-quarter hours, managing to plow through only a page and a half of the draft.

And more difficult terrain, including the details of proposed hillside and ridgeline regulation, lies ahead.

The process has also been muddled by confusion over who is eligible to vote on the committee.

The selectmen waded into that question Tuesday, ultimately recommending that town code enforcement officer John Gauthier not be eligible to vote — which apparently re-opens two earlier (tied) votes by the advisory committee.

But despite the confusion, the selectmen expressed some confidence that the review process could be completed in time to present the ordinance to voters at the special Town Meeting in August.

And regarding the confusion about who is eligible to vote, Selectman Amy Chapman noted Monday that it is the six members of the Planning Board itself who have the

final responsibility for determining the language of Draft Seven.

The larger group, she noted, "is an advisory committee."

"The Planning Board is free to say: 'Well the vote went 8 to 7, but we agree with the minority.'

"At any time they're free to adopt or not adopt any of these things that were voted on."

Selectman Arnold Jordan worried that the volunteer members would be "disheartened" if their will was overridden.

But Chapman argued that in making their final decisions, the planners needed to bear in mind the advisory committee "is a group of people who volunteered, who had, one way or another, a vested interest."

The Planning Board members, she said, "also have to consider the other 800 or so people in the town."

Selectboard Chair Fred Henderson said he was confident the Planning Board members "would do the right thing, and I hope we will get something that will pass at Town Meeting."

(Note: In June there will also be an unrelated special Town Meeting on the town's Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. A public hearing will precede that meeting, on May 21.)

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Rudi Honkala was awarded the Antarctic Service Medallion by the Australian government for his service as a weather observer in the 1960s.

A nine-foot-tall carving of "Angus, King of the Mountain" by Ken Irons, was unveiled at the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce's annual Awards Dinner.

The Bethel town crew broke ground on the Common for a bell house to display the town's old fire bell.

Deaths: John H. Tribou, Muriel L. Gilbert, Robert W. Saunders, Donald A. Ryerson, Lillian Curtis.

20 years ago: Town libraries in the area reported decreases in circulation of between 6 and 21 percent which they blamed on increased competition from TV, video, etc.

The SAD44 Board of Directors voted to keep Bethel's sixth-graders at Telstar Middle School rather than transferring them to an enlarged Crescent Park School.

The Bethel Chamber of Commerce's Henry H. Hastings award was presented to Mary Keniston.

Births: Andrew James Buck, Alan Matthew Boyer.

Deaths: Patrick J. Grenier, Gerald A. Martin.

30 years ago: Nineteen members of

MDOT

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But with funding still to be finalized, all the projects currently remain in a state of uncertainty.

The Capital Work Plan is formulated based on anticipated funding, and MDOT will adjust it as necessary.

The pace of economic recovery, changes in tax revenue,

and a variety of other factors will affect which projects are completed in the coming two years.

If all anticipated funding materializes, the major project will be reconstruction along 2.04 miles of Route 2 in Gilead, budgeted at \$5,620,000.

Briefly**Blood drive at THS**

BETHEL—The annual Red Cross Blood Drive at Telstar High School will take place Friday, May 8 from noon to 5 p.m. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are strongly recommended. To make an appointment, please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. The drive is sponsored by the Telstar High School National Honor Society.

Notice of cemetery cleanup

ANDOVER—The Andover Highway crew plans a cleanup at the Woodlawn Cemetery on Monday, May 11. The Town Office requests that items of value at the cemetery be removed by Sunday, May 10.

River cleanup planned

BETHEL—As part of National River Cleanup, members of the Upper Andro Anglers Alliance and students from the Telstar Challenge Course at Telstar High School in Bethel, Maine will clean up a section of the Androscoggin River from West Bethel to Bethel on Wednesday, May 20. Students, ages 16-18, will float down the river in rafts armed with garbage bags and towing garbage scow rafts to collect debris along the riverbanks. The clean-up flotilla will launch at 9 am from Newt's Landing in West Bethel and take out at Davis Park in Bethel. Community members are welcome to help clean-up other stretches of the river. The town of Bethel will provide trash collection at Newt's Landing and Davis Park and deliver to the town's solid waste facility.

Fire Attack School comes to Bethel

BETHEL—The third annual Western Maine Fire Attack School, hosted by the Bethel Fire Department, will take place May 15-17. Firefighters from the region will participate in training on equipment, safety and firefighting techniques, such as low angle rescue, extrication and vehicle stabilization, advanced wildland firefighting and foam and compressed air foam systems. A variety of equipment and supply vendors will also be on hand. For more information on the event e-mail info@frandford.org.

Bird walk Saturday

GILEAD—To celebrate International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD), White Mountain National Forest biologist Lesley Rowse will lead an early morning bird walk on May 9. The walk will begin at the parking area near Hastings Campground at 7 a.m. and all ages and abilities are welcome. The walk will last around two hours. The parking area where the bird walk will start is located at the junction of Highway 113 and the Wild River Road. To find this site, take Route 2 to Gilead, Maine. From Gilead, follow Highway 113 south to the road junction with the Wild River Road (just beyond the swinging bridge over the Wild River).

Firewood available

BETHEL—Hastings Campground in Batchelder's Grant currently has numerous white spruce trees on the ground due to recent hazard tree removal. The White Mountain National Forest will open the campground to allow the public to collect firewood from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, May 15, through Saturday, May 23. A valid firewood collection permit and a letter allowing collection in Hastings Campground from the White Mountain National Forest are necessary. Letters and firewood permits are available at the Androscoggin Ranger Station, in Gorham, N.H., located on Rt. 16 south of Gorham. If driving from Gorham, N.H., take Route 2 east to Gilead. In Gilead, take Rt. 113 south for approximately 3.5 miles to the entrance of Hastings Campground. If you are traveling from Bethel, take Rt. 2 west to Rt. 113 south and then follow the directions given for driving from Gorham, N.H. A limited amount of firewood is available, so please call ahead for availability and any other questions related to this activity at the Androscoggin Ranger Station (603) 466-2713.

Scout troop plans reunion

PARIS—Boy Scout Troop 130 of South Paris is planning a celebration on the occasion of its 75th anniversary. The event will take place in the Fellowship Room of the First Congregational Church, 17 East Main Street, on Saturday, June 27, from 1 to 4 p.m. The church has been the chartering and supporting organization for the entire history of our troop. The United States Postal Service has agreed to do a special postal cancellation in honor of the event and will be on hand during the celebration. The troop has produced 72 Eagle Scouts (two in the last year). Former members are invited to bring troop memorabilia or personal scouting items and memories to display and share. For more information contact: email: bsa_troop130_main@yahoo.com; Phone (207) 890-9966.

Extra patrols on Saco River

FRYEBURG—Fryeburg's police chief is promising to bolster patrols along the Saco River, which is known for rowdy behavior of some canoeists. Chief Phil Weymouth says as many as a dozen police officers will patrol the river, access points and parking areas during the upcoming boating season. Maine wardens and Oxford County sheriff's deputies will help. Weymouth told WMWV radio he wants visitors from as far away as Massachusetts and New York to know they're welcome, but they won't be allowed to behave as before. The river has been known for incidents of heavy drinking, littering and other illegal activities. Weymouth says the "Take Back Our River" campaign will cost \$37,000. The money comes from the Saco River Recreation Council.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

The deadline for letters to the editor is 4:30 p.m. Monday. Letters submitted after that deadline will be considered for publication when circumstances permit.

Send your letters to: Editor, Bethel Citizen, PO Box 109, Bethel, ME 04217-0109. Fax: 824-2426. E-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com.

WALK YOUR DREAM HOME'S DESTINED SETTING ON MERRILL HILL

Merrill Hill Estates is now offering a limited number of mountainside homesites on 460 acres with plenty of room to roam. For a limited time Developer Financing is being offered to qualified buyers. Roads have been thoughtfully designed to blend with terrain and create a private enclave on each gem named street. We offer you happy days, restful nights and memory making moments in your home with underground utilities and fiber optics along with protective covenants to enhance your mountain experience and insure privacy. You will find even making the homesite selection is an escape from the hectic pace of your everyday life. Find peace and pleasure in a gated neighborhood committed to the preservation of nature with world-class amenities at every turn. Join a few neighbors atop breathtaking Merrill Hill. By building your home in such a magnificent place you will be creating a boundless legacy for you and your family.

With the last snow flurry melted take time to become acquainted with Merrill Hill Estates. Vistas are wide open to the slopes and Mahoosucs. You will be inspired to start planning the home of your dreams or contact Preferred Builder, Mountain Homes of the West whose latest home is scheduled for completion this spring. Call your broker today about this listing while it is not to late to customize interior finishes.

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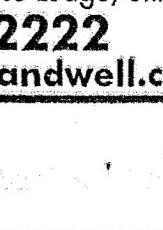
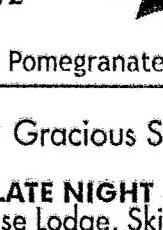
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PHOENIX
HOUSE & WELL



Wood

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chips or pellets.

The research was part of the Mahoosuc Initiative, which, according to the MLT, addresses "conservation and community vibrancy issues" in the region.

BERC representatives said that buildings larger than 40,000 square feet are the best candidates for wood-chip heat.

Because pellets provide more uniform heating, they are better suited for smaller buildings.

According to SAD44, Crescent Park Elementary School measures 42,486 square feet and uses 25,000 gallons a year.

BERC program assistant Sarah Galbraith provided preliminary estimates for potential savings, stressing that more in-depth study would be needed before firm conclusions could be drawn.

Her figures included the installation costs of wood heat systems.

She said that CPS, utilizing a pellet system, could possibly save \$1.5 million over a 30-year period.

In the shorter term, the savings would total about \$36,000, or 39 percent, for next year (assuming a cost for oil of \$3.50 per gallon).

And because the school's size is borderline, a wood-chip system might also be an option, she said.

The larger Telstar complex would likely call for a wood-chip system, Galbraith said. It measures 109,720 square feet and currently uses 42,000 gallons of heating oil a year.

She estimated conversion to a wood-chip system could save approximately \$3 million over 30 years.

"Fuel cost savings could be \$99,000, or 64 percent next year," she said.

(Galbraith's numbers for CPS and THS listed here were provided Friday, after she obtained more accurate square footages and fuel usage for the buildings.)

Galbraith also provided esti-

mated numbers for buildings in Andover and Upton.

While there would be no financial gain in heating the Andover Elementary School with wood, she said, combining the Andover Town Hall, Historical Society and Congregational Church in a single-pellet system would be worthwhile.

A system installation would cost approximately \$112,500, but would save \$9,000 over 30 years, she said. In the first year, the savings would be 39 percent.

And converting the Upton Town Office to a pellet system,

While he does not anticipate that wood chips alone would entirely sustain a forest economy, Forester Harry Dwyer said, they could be an important piece of it.

at a cost of \$8,500, would save approximately \$20,000 over 30 years, or 24 percent in the first year.

After presenting the estimates, Galbraith said the next logical steps would include conducting a detailed feasibility study, identifying possible funding sources, and educating the public about the benefits.

Supply system

Forum participants also considered the potential local economic benefits of using wood chips supplied by area loggers.

Forester Harry Dwyer had surveyed loggers, foresters, landowners and other possible stakeholders for their views.

He asked loggers what they thought of a scenario in which there could be "a market for wood chips 40 miles closer [than existing ones], and [loggers] get paid a lot more."

"It was a pretty easily-supported concept," Dwyer said.

He acknowledged that loggers might have to invest in different equipment and follow new harvesting standards.

"But there are enough savings in this that there could almost be a premium paid

for the chips, to make the extra effort and care and investment still profitable," he said.

Logger Don Bennett said he was somewhat skeptical of the prospects for higher pay in the chips market if loggers had to adapt their harvesting processes.

Bennett said he has been told in the past that he could make more money by doing things better.

"I've spent more money trying to do it better, and I occasionally get paid more," he said.

Competition

Dwyer noted that chip wood is the equivalent of pulp wood, and the heating market would therefore compete with paper mills.

Regarding the availability of chips locally, Dwyer said his survey showed "strong opinion that there's enough wood around, but there was also the sentiment that it's going to have to compete in the market."

But you would need quite a few of these [wood-heated] facilities before it would make a big dent in the wood supply. Five or 10 Goulds around here could be absorbed quite easily."

While he does not anticipate that wood chips alone would entirely sustain a forest economy, Dwyer said, they could be an important piece of it.

His survey also revealed stakeholder concerns about the future.

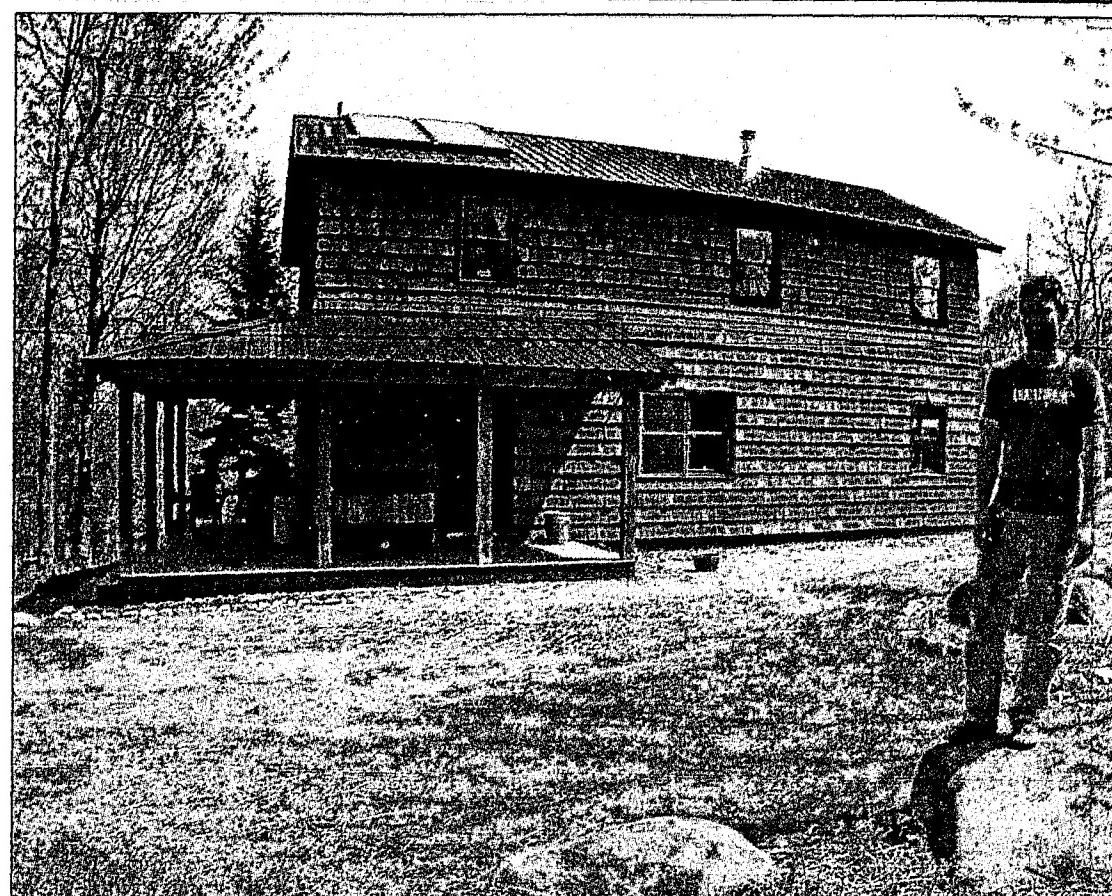
Worries ranged from too much demand for chips, to a hole in the market created if paper mills close down, Dwyer said.

Rackliffe noted that demand from Europe, which uses significant amounts of wood for heating, is growing.

And while that demand could eventually mean rising prices for chips, "I don't think anybody can project energy that far out," he said. "What I need to look at is how I'm going to keep Gould in business for the next five to eight years."

Passive

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SHINING THE LIGHT ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY—Jesper Kruse of Greenwood built his energy-efficient home, which utilizes solar heating panels on the roof, in 2000. Since then he has participated in training on the construction of passive homes, which are designed to retain heat at a high level of efficiency. Kruse will present information on the subject this afternoon at 4:30 p.m.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Passive homes focus more on retaining heat within a home rather than supplying it from the outside.

The concept utilizes methods that have been in use for years, Kruse said, but refines them to a much greater level of efficiency.

Kruse has been building and remodeling homes in the area for 12 years.

About two years ago, he became interested in passive homes, and established his "Maine Passive House" business.

"I thought it would be a good niche to get into," he said.

The approach, for example, adapts the normal exchange of air between the inside and outside of a home in a way that transfers the heat in outgoing air to the colder incoming air, to minimize heat loss to the outdoors. The method utilizes a mechanical ventilation system with heat recovery.

Insulation in walls and windows is also designed to be much more efficient. A passive house wall in Maine would be 12 inches thick, Kruse said.

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From the Bethel Police Log:

Monday, May 4

At 3 p.m. Lt. S.R. White responded to Broad Street for a report of damage to a vehicle fender. It had been scratched and dented, and there was coffee spilled on the vehicle. Damage appeared to be from a bicycle or motorcycle.

Sunday, May 3

At 3:40 p.m. Lt. S.R. White responded to Spring Street for a 911 hangup call. A child had been playing with the phone.

Saturday, May 2

At 8:45 a.m. Officer Rusty Daley assisted a motorist with a broken-down vehicle.

At 5:25 p.m. on the Songo Pond Road Lt. S.R. White arrested Anthony S. Leasure of Mason for operating after suspension.

At 9:27 p.m. Officer Jeff Campbell and Lt. S.R. White responded to the Crescent Park School for a report of juveniles on the grounds after hours. They were told to leave.

Friday, May 1

At 11 p.m. Lt. S.R. White, Officer Jeff Campbell and Officer Mike Grenier assisted a state trooper in Greenwood where a large fight took place at a residence.

Wednesday, April 29

At 8:30 a.m. Chief Alan Carr responded to a property-damage accident in a parking lot.

At 1 p.m. Chief Alan Carr took a report of the theft of a power broom on Paradise Road.

At 7:04 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to Route 2 for a complaint from a motorist who had sustained damage to his vehicle's bumper while driving through a construction area. The accident was non-reportable.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists cases reported in the log of adults being arrested or issued a summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of police activity, such as routine speeding tickets and other civil violations. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

April tally of BPD activity

Calls for service (assaults, domestic incidents, animal complaints, etc.): 161
Arrests: 10
Citations (speeding tickets and other moving violations): 26
Warnings: 14

Oxford County Jail:

(Bethel region)

May 2, 3:03 a.m.: Robie K. Wentworth, 25, of Bethel, OUI; by Trooper Paul Casey in Bethel.

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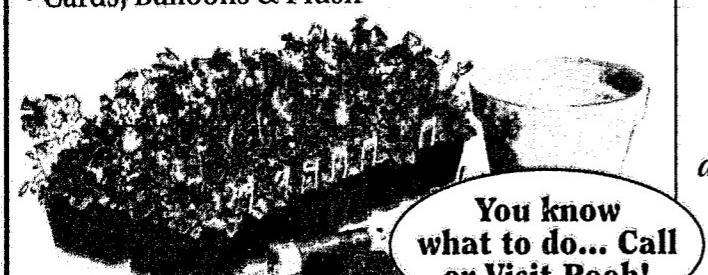
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State Police Report highlights:

(Bethel region, April 27 - May 3)

Trooper Casey stopped a vehicle in Bethel for Failing to Yield the Right of Way and Operating Left of Center. The operator was transported to the Oxford County Jail after failing field sobriety testing. His breath test resulted in a 0.17 percent BAC. He was charged with 1st Offense OUI.

Trooper Casey made contact with a suspicious vehicle in Andover after observing the vehicle pull over and park in a closed convenience store parking lot. The operator admitted to pulling over because his reaction time was not as good as it could have been due to his drinking. He was subsequently arrested and transported to the Oxford County Jail after failing field sobriety testing. His breath test resulted in a 0.18 percent BAC. He was charged with 1st Offense OUI.

Trooper Casey stopped a vehicle on Route 2 in Bethel for an Inadequate Plate Light. The operator was determined to have been drinking and was arrested after failing field sobriety testing. His breath test resulted in a 0.14 percent BAC. He was subsequently charged with 1st Offense OUI.

Trooper Casey responded to the Skiway Road in Newry for a vehicle crash. Upon arrival, Trooper Casey determined that all occupants of the vehicle had fled the scene. Upon investigation, Trooper Casey found the operator of the vehicle and other occupant. The intoxicated male operator was interviewed, but he would not admit to operating. DNA swabs were taken from inside the vehicle and the operator submitted to a known blood sample. These samples were submitted to the Crime Lab. Criminal charges may be forthcoming pending the results from the lab.

Troopers Casey and Tirado responded to a residence in Gil-ead for an Assault complaint. A male and a female came to a residence; the female entering the residence and remaining there without the homeowner's consent. The male subject with her assaulted the homeowner by punching him several times in the face. The female was convinced to leave the residence before being arrested for Criminal Trespass. The male suspect fled the area with Troopers Casey and Tirado searching for him. The male victim would later drop all charges relating to the incident.

Tr. Wing assisted Bethel PD at a 911 Hang up call. When they arrived, it was determined that it was a Domestic. After an investigation, both boyfriend and girlfriend were arrested for mutual combatants. Bethel PD transported the male to Oxford County and Tr. Wing transported the female to Stephens Memorial Hospital to be evaluated for injuries to her face. She was later taken to OCJ by Bethel PD.

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West Bethel

by Lorrie Hoeh
This was written on a sunny, warm, breezy Monday morning, with birds singing and flowers blooming all over the place. The daffodils were in their glory. Asparagus tips were showing and promised a meal before this sees print; and we were planning on having some fiddleheads that evening.

We bunched at Leslie Bancroft Krichko's house in Ridgefield, Conn., and took the train from Katonah, N.Y., to Grand Central Station. First we walked to Rockefeller Center, where we were seen on the Saturday morning Today Show shortly after 8:30 when Ann Morton was featured in an interview outside. From there we walked to the Times Square starting line, then up Fifth Avenue and through Central Park to the finish line.

On the bird front, the phoebes have built their nest under the lean-to roof behind our small barn and have ignored their usual site between the breezeway and garage. Sadly, a male yellow-bellied sapsucker met his demise last week when he flew into our front window. Goldfinches are in full bright yellow attire for the duration and continue to eat up the sunflower seeds. They're joined by the purple finches, siskins, chickadees, and nuthatches.

Trout lilies and red trillium are in bloom or will be soon, lady-slippers are poking through, mayapples are up, and the bloodroot has come and gone. We'll be looking for painted trillium before long. All the domestic flower plants are appearing, adding their fresh spring green to the landscape, with promise of more colors to come. Among the more vigorous upstarts are the hostas and anemones.

This past weekend a group of us went down to the Big Apple (New York City, not Bethel!) to walk in the EIF Revlon Run/Walk for Women, a fundraiser for the fight against women's cancers. Our team was the Dairy Heirs, since most of

the team members were connected with the Hastings sisters, who grew up on a dairy farm in East Bethel. We had a wonderful time, walking with 40,000 others, enjoying the camaraderie, looking at the tall buildings, and eating our way through the weekend.

Afterward we walked down to 87th and Lexington where we lunched at an Italian restaurant. All this was great fun, but it was grand to get back to the peace and quiet of western Maine.

Tuesday and Wednesday were Grandparents' Days at Gould Academy, so Mike and I were on the scene with Molly Siegel, as were Eric and Lucia Schwarz with their grandson, Nick Schwarz. Tonight and Saturday night there will be a production of "Little Shop of Horrors" at Gould in Bingham Auditorium. It promises to be a great show.

Mo Libby tells me that she has three alpacas who should deliver their crias any time this week or next. Nelly, Eureka, and Coconut are the mothers-to-be. Shearing Day

will be on Thursday, May 28, and I will give you more details as the time approaches. It is always an interesting event, and a potluck lunch will add to the fun.

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East Bethel



by Nancy Mercer

Wally Ritz was in Germany April 1 to 8 visiting family and friends. She had a lovely time while there.

On April 12, Wally Ritz hosted an Easter dinner with Ryan Hannigan, home from Southern Maine Community College, and Katie and her family enjoying the dinner. Kathryn Coolidge made the third quarter honors list for the seventy grade.

Clean-up day for the East Bethel Cemetery will be on May 16 at 9 a.m. with a rain day on May 17 at the same time.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Isabel Boyce, who passed away recently.

Another turkey met his maker on April 25 from a speeding car, with horn blowing like mad as the turkey was hit with a very loud "whomp."

Jack and Lucy Nordahl have returned home from wintering in Florida.

George and Barbara Bethel have returned home after wintering in Aruba.

Alder River Grange will have a regular meeting at the Hall on May 8 with a 6:30 p.m. potluck supper and the meet-

ing at 7:30 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

Oxford Pomona Grange is having a public supper on May 9 at Franklin Grange in Bryant Pond at 5 p.m. Adults will pay \$7 and children under 12 will be \$2.

Alder River Grange will have their first public supper on May 16 at 5 p.m. The meal will be baked beans, hot dogs, casseroles, salads and pies.

If you have any news, give me a ring at 824-3350. God Bless the Troops.

Upton



by Laurie Brown

Have you ever heard of "The snip heard round the world"? In 1827, tired of

washing her husband's shirts every day, when all he dirtied were the collars, Mrs. Montague of Troy, N.Y., snipped off all his collars, washed them, and reattached them to his shirts. Word spread quickly that her husband's collars were the cleanest in town. Before long, this idea revolutionized men's fashions and detachable collars became a mark of social status. Hannah Montague established a business of selling clean collars, eventually sold out to one of the biggest shirt manufacturers in the area, and probably started hiring someone else to wash her husband's shirts. All this happened before "woman's lib" came about to help women in the work place!

There will be a spaghetti supper at the Ladies Aid Building



WALTER HATCH RECEIVES GOVERNOR'S EXEMPLARY SERVICE AWARD—Walter Hatch of Bethel was the recipient of a Governor's Exemplary Service Award. He was honored at a ceremony on April 21 at the Hall of Flags in the State Capitol Building in Augusta. The event honored Maine's most dedicated volunteers. The Mahoosuc Land Trust nominated him for the award for his volunteer activities as a board member, treasurer, stewardship monitor for the Greaves Property, caretaker for the Gateway Property that is the entryway to Bethel, and caretaker for the State of Maine's Frenchmen's Hole. Other organizations Hatch has served include the Bethel Conservation Commission, the Rotary Club of Bethel, West Parish Congregational Church, Western Mountains Senior College, Bethel Historical Society and Androscoggin Home Health and Hospice. Hatch has been volunteering in the community since he and his wife, Carolyn, moved to Bethel in the late 1980s.

on June 6 from 5 to 7 p.m. Proceeds of the supper will be given to Charlie LaVallee, of Upton, who lost his home in a fire. Nothing was salvageable from his home.

In 1924 there were three teachers at the Upton school.

Alice Norton was paid \$375, Lillian Matheson was paid \$400 and Edna Mynek was paid \$456. The town spent a total of \$47.50 on fuel and \$125.25 on janitor work, and \$551 for conveyance. High school expenditures were \$201 paid to

Gould Academy. The school served hot lunches and superintendent A. H. Tuck felt that the "School Improvement League" deserved credit, was really a school in itself in which pupils performed the duties of membership which "would be hard to teach otherwise." I'd like to know more about that organization.

Have a great week. Hopefully, all you mothers have a happy Mother's Day Sunday.

Selah.

Gilead



by Lin Chapman

This weekend was a little cooler than last weekend, but there was

still some nice weather to enjoy. There are a lot of birds at the feeders again. The evening grosbeaks and the rose-breasted grosbeaks are stopping by along with the goldfinches, purple finches, juncos, sparrows and nuthatches. They were in the bush by the driveway and it looked like it was covered with yellow, red, and multi-colored flowers.

I travel the North Road to work and noticed that Jeff and Elaine Hutchins' house is gone. They are getting ready to build a new house that has a little more room.

My brother, Steve McLain, checked in with me to see if there was any mail that had been received by the town. There were a couple of things that he needed to open and take to the next selectmen's

meeting to be discussed.

Hugh and I had a busy weekend. Friday night we went to the regular monthly meeting of the Oxford County Gem and Mineral Association at Oxford Hills High School. After talking with a few of the members, we decided that we needed to go to the Portland Mineral Show on Saturday. We got a late start Saturday and spent a lot of time at the show visiting with some of the dealers, since they will also be attending the Gem Show in Bethel in July. We didn't have a chance to go around and visit anyone (Howard and Stevie Reiche, Bob and Joanne Stewart or Len Whiting) while we were in Portland, but we ran into Bob and Judy Bishop at the show.

On Sunday, we went to Gorham to visit with Tim and Michele and the grandchildren, William, Annie, Ajay and Sidney. Since we couldn't get everyone together on April 22 when Hugh's birthday was, the kids had a surprise birthday party for Grampa. He was certainly surprised!

Sometime over the weekend, we missed a visit from Richard Fraser. Even though I do not use my little drop box by the door for town business anymore, I check it every day because people still leave messages for us. We found an envelope with more pictures and an article that he left.

Both items had to do with the Civilian Conservation Corp camp that was in Hastings. Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

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Andover

by Melinda Averill

Hello Andover friends. I would like to send out another reminder to Andover Alumni members, that if you haven't received your alumni invitation to call and let me know and I'll get one to you.

The Annual Banquet is on Saturday, May 23, at the Andover School. Though the number of members increase every year (with the graduating students who live in Andover becoming members) the number who attend and/or support the banquet are dwindling.

Even if you can't make it to the banquet, you're still welcome to send in the yearly dues (\$2) to P.O. Box 64, Andover, 04216!

The town of Andover is hiring a part-time helper to work with the highway crew for the summer months. For more information or to apply, contact the Town Office. Notices are posted in the stores and postal.

There will be a Blood Drive at Telstar High School on Friday, May 8 (tomorrow) from 12 noon until 5 p.m. It will be held in the school gym. Contact the National Honor Society, Valeri Forman, or the American Red Cross at (800)-givelife to make an appointment. All donors have the chance to win Boston Red Sox tickets and to be honored in the field as blood donor of the game.

Celebrating a birthday this week: Parker Salatin on Monday, the 11th, Abigail Wheeler on the 12th, and Katie MacGregor, Zachary Crosby and Whitney Palmer on the 13th.

This weekend there are two local junior/senior proms going on — Telstar's, which will be over at Sunday River and Dirigo's at the high school in Dixfield.

Last Saturday the Mountain Valley Middle School (sixth through eighth grades) held their "fancy dance." Katie Mills, seventh-grader from Andover, went to friend Jenna Plourde's along with some other friends before the dance. Other Andover students going to the dance were seventh-grader Kasey Smith and eighth-grader Joshua Rainey.

Members of Andover Service Circle (ASC) want everyone to know that the 7th Annual Senior Appreciation Dinner, held on April 20, 2009, had a terrific turnout. Under the able direction of the event's chairperson, Linda Roberts, nearly 60 people were feted by the Circle at the Town Hall with lasagna and/or pot pie including all the fixings followed by dessert.

The room was filled with the warmed hearts of attendees, Circle members and volunteers. The wonderful young people who simply appeared to assist ASC members included Kelsey Averill, Darren Jodrey, Heather Lincoln, Izaak Mills, Katie Mills, and Elek Pew.

On Saturday, May 16, ASC will be holding its annual roadside clean-up. And, for the third year in a row, the Roxbury ATV Riders Club will be co-sponsoring the event. The Circle invites community participation. Volunteers are asked to gather inside Andover Town Hall at 8:30 a.m. for a suggested route, bags, and rubber gloves. Volunteers will then be asked to set their collected bags of garbage on the side of the road for ATV riders' pick-up. Light refreshments will be available at Town Hall 11:30 a.m. to 12:30



GOOD HELP IS SO HARD TO MURDER—Bethel Community Players will present a murder mystery dinner theater on May 14, 15 and 16, beginning at 6pm, at The Victoria Inn and Restaurant, 32 Main Street, Bethel, sponsored by the Bethel Performing Arts Project (BPAP). Reservations are limited due to space requirements and may be made with The Victoria at 824-8060. On May 14, the dress rehearsal, the fee is \$27.50 and on May 15 and 16, the fee is \$42. The dinner theater play, "Good Help is So Hard to Murder" by Pat Cook, is directed by BPAP volunteer co-organizer, Lynn Arizzi. Arizzi proposed the play to Stacey and Kamil Sahin, co-owners of The Victoria Inn, who always wanted to do a dinner theater. "The Victoria Inn is an ideal setting for this play, as it's decorated in the ornate 'Victorian' era," said Arizzi. The Sahins will dedicate two rooms for the play and diners, where a large fireplace will be the focal point. Diners will have a chance to participate by trying to decide "who done it." The play is a comedy with an all female cast. In the play, Delilah, who is convinced that the maid "knows too much" about her family's shady past, conspires with her reluctant younger sister to kill her. A visit from Elmira, the local psychic, warns them that a tragedy (and most certainly a comedy) is about to occur. Delilah's tea party doesn't work as planned, but perhaps a drop or two of the right chemistry in the maid's bedside tea will do the trick. Just when it looks like the deed is done, the Grim Reaper makes a timely appearance as Elmira senses danger. Officer Judy arrives to help resolve this farce, but it's the parrot that solves the crime. Local thespians in the cast include Carole Timberlake as Miribelle Coventry, Sharon Lyon as Delilah Tentrees, Tineke Ouwinga as Libby the maid, Lorrie Hoeh as Elmira, Roberta Taylor as Florence, Carol Campbell as Socrates the parrot, Leigh Dickinson as Aunt Minnie and Rosabelle Tiff as Officer Judy. Diners will have to see the play to learn the identity of the "Grim Reaper." For more information, call Lynn Arizzi at 824-0080. Pictured are, seated: Leigh Dickinson, Carole Timberlake and Lorrie Hoeh. Pictured are, standing: Rosabelle Tiff, Carol Campbell, Sharon Lyon, The Grim Reaper, Roberta Taylor and Tineke Ouwinga.

p.m.

Many of you may have seen the article in Monday's Sun-Journal on the front page, regarding the teen who is building his own "rag-wing" airplane. That is 14-year-old Josh Wardwell, the grandson of Don

and Nancy Wardwell, and his father is former Andover resident Eric Wardwell. They now reside in Oxford.

Congratulations to Jennifer Dixon, who is attending Central Maine Community College, majoring in Medical

Technology, and was inducted into the Alpha Phi Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. In order to be invited to join, Jennifer needed to maintain rank in the top 20 percent of the class.

Happy Mothers Day! Have a nice weekend.

Hanover

Friends and relatives of Rose and Melburn Hutchins are invited to attend a memorial service at St. John's Cemetery on Isthmus Road in Rumford at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 9. Following the service there will be a gathering at the home of Bill and Gail Worcester at 60 Howard Pond Road in Hanover.

There was a trustees' meeting for Gardner Roberts Memorial Library on Wednesday, April 29. Reports of the secretary and the treasurer were accepted. It was reported that Secretary Dotie Adams had been added to the signers of the checkbook in the absence of the treasurer. Trustee Dan Force reported about the committee work on changes to the by-laws and the group voted to bring the changes to the annual meeting in July. Dan also reported that Internet service would soon be available at the library. Discussed was a spring opening special event to take place later this spring.

Librarian Peggy Susbury said the library is currently open each Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. There was some discussion of extended hours. Peggy also reported on the progress of children's books being purchased through a Libri Foundation Grant. Planned for July is a yard sale and raffle. The next trustee meeting will be May 13 at 7 p.m. at the library.

Dottie Adams, secretary of Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, has made a picture

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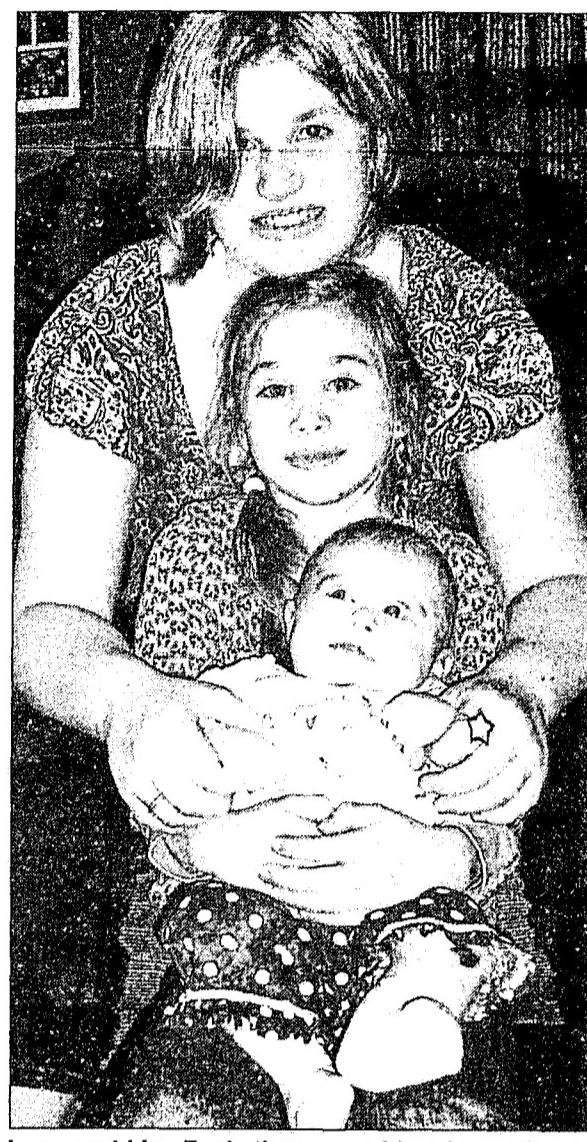


Juleigha Taylor and her puppy, Rocko.



FIVE GENERATIONS—Seated in front, left to right, are great-great-grandmother Merlene Titcomb of Farmington holding her first great-granddaughter, Julia Grace Graham and Julia's mother, Erin Doughty Graham of West Paris. Standing in back, left to right are great-grandmother Patricia Wade of South Paris and grandmother, Joy Doughty of West Paris.

Community Snapshots



Larry and Lisa Fox's three granddaughters: Sarah Jean (age 13); Meile (7); and Maddie (3 months).



Richard Grover of Mason Township split all this wood by hand.



Katelynn Evans, 4, donated 10.5 inches of her hair to Locks of Love, to be made into a wig for cancer patients. It was Katelynn's first haircut, done at Jade's Salon in Bethel.

SEND US YOUR PHOTOS

The Citizen is seeking photos for our monthly Community Snapshots Page. We plan to include as many as space permits, so please send your favorite shots along. The best way is by e-mail, to news@bethelcitizen.com (please put "Community snaps" in the subject line). You may also send prints to The Bethel Citizen, P.O. Box 109, Bethel, 04219, or bring them to our office at 19 Main Street (behind the Bethel Town Office). Please include a brief description of the activities/persons pictured, as well as your name and telephone number in case of questions.

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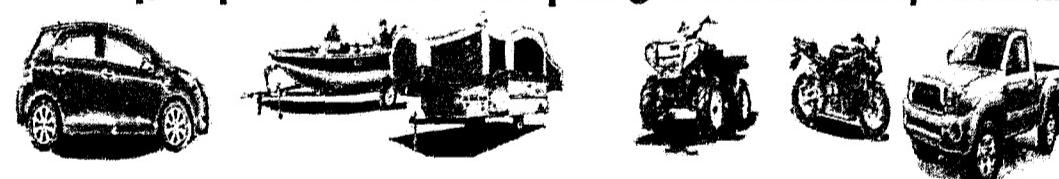
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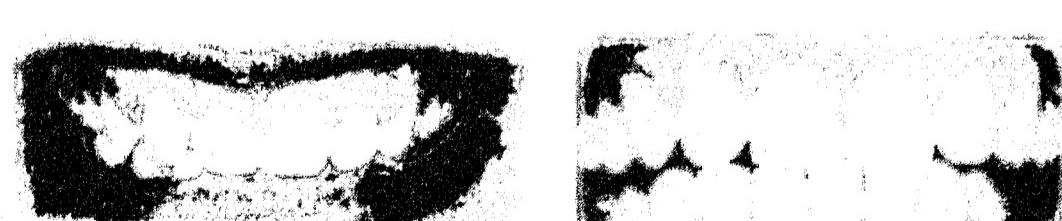


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Hanover Volunteer Day started at an early 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 2. The eager workers raked the town office and library grounds including the boat ramp. Another ambitious crew thinned out the wooded area between Ferry Road and Route 2 making the facilities more visible. Brian Gross contributed the use of his dump truck to haul away leaves and debris. Those volunteering for the morning included Brian and Brenda Gross, Frank Morrison, Dick Stratton, Clem and Donna Worcester, Kelly Harrington, Barbara and Irv Robinson, Dottie and Herb Adams, Peggy and Bob Susbury, Gail Worcester, Joan Tucker and Amy Verrell. Volunteers were treated with coffee, soda, fruit, light snacks and pizza. Hanover Volunteer Day has been an annual springtime event for more than 10 years.

Jeff Watts had major back surgery last week. When released from the hospital he expects an extended period of recovery at his Hanover home.

Get well wishes go out to seasonal resident Jim Ray who is recovering following an emergency visit to an Austin hospital.

Bear sightings have been reported. Two nights in a row the marauder made raids at Pete and Darlene Baker's and Wally and Brenda Devoe's. Those that do not have bears are reporting numerous groundhogs and moles.

Fisher persons are lining up along the shore of Howard Pond and floating around in

boats. We have not heard of any great catches of fish.

East Andover



by
Joan
Stinson-Carney

My condolences to the family and friends of former Andover resident Margaret Roberts. Margaret passed away last week, and will be really missed.

A new business has come to town. Phil Milligan, owner of Milligan's Seafood, can be found in front of Andover General on Thursday and Friday afternoons selling fresh halibut, clams, mussels, lobsters, and other kinds of "delish fish."

Here is a great idea, Mother's Day is this Sunday, why not present your mother with a lobster/clam bake. Phil is very willing to take orders if you want any special kinds of fish. You can call him at 392-1482 or on his cell at 357-3216. I've found that his prices are a little lower than going to a super market, and that always helps. You also save on gas and time by shopping right in town.

I bought some scallops last week, and they were really good.

Norm Gagnon has told me that he should be getting a lottery machine in Andover General soon. Just think, you won't have to go all the way to Rumford to play Megabucks and Power Ball.

Clean-up at the Woodlawn Cemetery will begin on Monday, May 11. If you have anything on a grave that you don't want thrown away, please remove it before then.

The Highway Department has an opening for a worker for the summer. Please call

the town office at 392-3302 for more information.

The East Andover Community Club will hold its "Birthday Meeting" on Monday, May 11, at Betty Moore's house in East Andover. Hostesses will be Betty, Bea and Sandy. Be prepared to eat lots of birthday cake, ladies.

Update on my kitten twins. Last night Liam saw his shadow, thought it was another kitten, and started growling. Mineau came running to the rescue, saw his shadow also, turned to me and gave me the "save us, please save us look." I was laughing so hard, they both got scared of me and went under the dresser to hide. They are the joy of my life.

Don't forget the Andover Alumni Banquet will be here before you know it. It's on Saturday, May 23. If you are going and haven't responded yet, please do so soon. We have to know how many people to cook for. I think all of the Class of 1959 is going to be able to come. I still can't believe that is going to be our 50th.

If you want to find out who your real friend is, try this. Put your spouse and your dog in your car trunk for an hour, who do you think will be really glad to see you? Whoof, whoof.

See 'ya.

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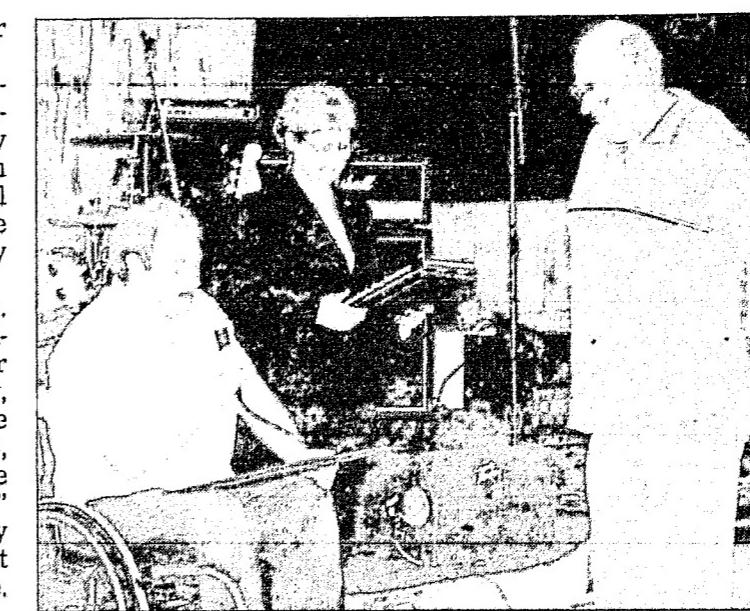


by
Sylvia
Harrington

Norm and Eleanor Davis recently returned from a two-month visit to her brother's home in Wichita Falls, Texas. While in Texas they spent some time rock collecting in Alpine. It seems great to see activity at their home now and to know the gardens will soon be culti-

vated and planted.

Last week I was away a few days. Taking a break from building and keeping the fire



HAPPY RETIREMENT, KEN—About 150 people attended a retirement party April 25 in Rumford Saturday for Ken Dixon, longtime Andover fire chief. State representatives Matt Peterson and Sheryl Briggs attended and presented Dixon with a flag and a letter from Gov. John Baldacci. A representative from the Maine Fire Chiefs' Association was also present. Selectman Keith Farrington presented a plaque from the Andover Fire Department.

going and other daily chores seemed rather pleasant. But, it is always great to return.

Farmer Robinson still has delicious maple syrup for sale at his home. His animals are usually my weather indicators as I drive by.

Claire and Cassidy Webster still have homegrown chickens' eggs for sale at the new price of \$3.50 a dozen. Get your fishing gear as well as lots of snack foods and sandwiches when you stop in. Doug will tag your turkey during this particular hunting season. Registrations for ATVs are also available.

To all the readers, have a great Mother's Day with family and friends.

Mason



by Richard
Grover

Last Sunday

turned out to

be an inaus-

picious start

to my fishing

season. I de-

cided to take the canoe and

Snuffy and check out pond

fishing for the first time this

year, as the ice is safely out of

most of them around here. The

experience began badly, when

I couldn't find my fly fishing

tackle box. Finally I had one

of those "I shoulda" had a V-

" moments, and saw the box

right directly under my wader

shoes.

I took a few night crawl-

ers that I found while raking

leaves and a cheap spinning

rod as well as an old fly rod. Got all the stuff loaded into the truck, canoe tied down and headed out to a local pond with Snuffy in the back seat.

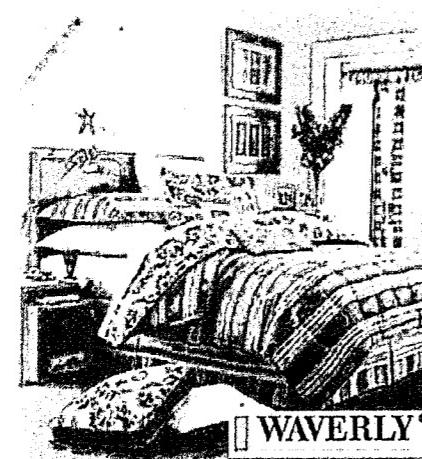
I pulled up at the launch ramp, untied the canoe, and then dropped it loudly onto the ground when it slipped from my hands after just clearing the rooftop canoe rack! No harm, but my ego was a little battered. Got everything loaded into the canoe, truck parked and headed out into stiff headwind on the pond. Headed for the opposite shore, hoping to be sheltered from the wind there. Then I found that the lines from both poles were entangled together, requiring about five minutes to get them separated.

I put a night crawler on behind the little trout spinner and practiced a few casts to see if everything was working okay. Then paddled along the shore to where I could see small trout rising after flies. I cast over there, and immediately started getting bites from little fellas. Finally, I hooked a little bigger fish that took the line under the canoe and tugged a bit before finally getting loose.

Now, I'm getting a little eager, so I tried another cast. Oops! Somehow, I cast the spinning rod right into the pond, just out of reach. It almost floated for a few seconds, until the reel filled with water, and I almost reached it before it settled slowly to the bottom!

After muttering a few unprintable words, I sighed and picked up the fly rod. It had a small fly with a yellow body on already, left over from last year, so I decided to tie

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it. Now, I'm still strictly an amateur with a fly rod, even though Norm Weston has been trying to give me pointers. I cast here and there numerous times, only getting the line tangled a few times, but no takers from the trout.

Meanwhile, I'm getting blown first one direction and then another as the wind eddies around the surrounding hills and trees. Finally, I decided to paddle to the middle of the pond and try on another fly. I couldn't find the right canister of little black flies that resemble the ones buzzing around the water's surface.

I finally settled on a small brown fly that might work. Cut off the old fly, and finally was able to thread the leader through that tiny hook eye on the brown fly (forgot my glasses!). Twisted the fly around to get the right number of loops and fumbled around until I got the loose end threaded back through the first loop in the leader. Then I fumbled around some more trying to tighten the knot and slip it back tight onto the eye of the hook; having difficulty with this, I de-

cided to bite onto the loose end of the leader so I could pull it tight. You guessed it, the tiny little hook was caught in my upper lip! Damn!

All this time Snuffy was lying calmly in the forward part of the canoe, ignoring my difficulties. But I did finally remove the hook from my lip with the loss of only a few drops of blood!

On retrieving the fly on my first cast, I snagged a fish; I managed to land a pretty little trout about 7.5 inches long and tossed him back into the water after showing it to Snuffy. He just sniffed and yawned.

After a few more unsuccessful casts, I paddled back over near the shore where the little ones were still jumping. There, the little trout started striking at the end of the fly line where the leader is connected with a small, tapered, green plastic connector. Once in a while one would bat at the fly, but I never did hook one!

I finally decided it was time to head home. I kept casting and retrieving as the breeze pushed the canoe back toward the landing. Nearing the landing, a trout hit my fly just as I began the backstroke for an-

West Paris



by Joyce Lamb

Bright yellow daffodils are in bloom everywhere. They let us know when

spring is here. My flowerbeds let me know it is time for all things to grow. The larger ones have lasted for over a week and decorate the larger bed along with a row of mums. They seem bigger than usual and light up the areas. And the lawns are greening fast. That means the mowers won't be far behind.

At the West Paris Universalist Church on Sunday, May 10, Bernice Martin will lead the service on "Mother's Day." All are welcome.

Alvin Yates will be the guest speaker at Whitman Memorial Library in Bryant Pond on Thursday, May 14, at 2 p.m. He will speak about his work in forestry and timber in Russia and Alaska. The admission

is free and light refreshments will be served. All are invited to hear this interesting talk.

Beryl Bonney and Doreen Merrill went to Taste of Maine for lunch last week and enjoyed the lobster.

Early Saturday morning at 3:30 a.m. a car crashed head on into the maple tree on my front lawn. It woke up my household. The driver said he fell asleep. He got out of the car and walked around and said he was not hurt. Two fire trucks arrived along with the ambulance, which took him to the hospital. A policeman finally arrived. By 5 a wrecker came and towed the badly damaged car away. We finally got back to bed for a short nap. The neighbors slept through it all and no one around town heard about it. I was glad to see the firemen for the car was close enough to the house to cause damage if it had burned. And all of this took place in hard rain.

Jude Lamb of Lamoine visited her mother, Joyce Lamb, over the weekend and we attended the memorial service in Bethel for Helen Morton of Newry.

She and Jude studied art with Professor Lajos Matolcsy for several years long ago. Many of Helen's paintings were on display.

Muffin was glad to have company but still slept on my bed. A large, yellow tiger cat went through the yard and Muffin

kept her eyes on him until he disappeared.

Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet at the

Grange Hall (today), Thursday, May 7. The meeting starts at 11:30 a.m. This is a potluck dinner with each one bringing either a hot dish, salad or dessert to share and your own place setting. Program is the Woodstock Elementary School with music. New members are always welcome.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., evening services at 6 p.m. Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. is prayer meeting. Friday evening at 6 p.m. is the Mother's Day Banquet at Crosstone Restaurant.

Sympathy is extended to the families of Harvey Sweetser and Dot Wing.

The May Program at the Whitman Memorial Library will be Alvin Yates, storyteller, as guest speaker. This is Thursday, May 12, at 2 p.m. Everyone welcome at no charge and light refreshments will be served.

On Wednesday, April 29, Evelyn T. Bean was presented with her 75-year certificate from Franklin Grange 124 by Overseer Olive Risko and Alice Hoyt.

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Steve Hoover returned home Monday after driving his mother from Florida to her home in New York.

Pomona Grange will hold a supper at the Grange Hall in Bryant Pond on Saturday, May 9. This is a public supper.

Historical Society

Next meeting is May 9. The program for this meeting will be either a video or slides, and the potluck supper will be brown bag. Each one to bring a brown bag supper and they will be exchanged.

The Historical Society regrets the passing of Harvey Sweetser, Dot Wing and Helen Morton.

Albany



by Sheila Dyke

Greetings and hello from Albany Township. What great weather we

are having, truly spring! It's been nice hanging the clothes out to dry on the line, watching the birds at the feeders, squirrels scampering up to the feeders and seeing all the green around. Makes this past winter just a bad memory.

We hope everyone is enjoying the weather. Dana's been spending a lot of time outside, between work and home. Diana comes home this weekend from college and job search begins. Always fun! Best wishes for a happy and safe week. God Bless and Keep.

Waterford



by Rockie Graham

It is getting late, so I will just make this very short.

As the days get longer and warmer, we are out more and more. We have started, finally to stack our wood, little at a time. That is my method. David would go for it all at once, but even he is beginning to realize that easy does it works,

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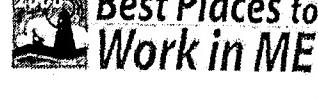
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too. Tasha had her yearly check-up today. She is fine and only got one shot — Lyme disease. She also got heartworm medication and flea, tick meds. Don figures she doesn't need a lot of shots confusing her system. Next year — fall — she can get another rabies vaccine if she needs it.

For now, we are just happy she is still making it. She has slowed down a lot and on these damp days, she would just as soon rest in one of her beds.

Thursday, the 7th (tonight) there is a meeting of folks interested in Health Care Reform. It will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Fare Share Commons on Main Street in Norway. There will be a rally on May 80 in Augusta.

Come find out all about it.

Call Tom Whitney 743-2183 or Mid-coasthealthcarereform.org.

Saturday night, the 9th of May, go see Birdie Googins in Spring Fever. She will be at the Universalist Church, 479 Main Street in Norway.

The show is sponsored by the Norway Business Association and starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and available at Books N Things, Creative Media, Pikes, and The Village Gift Barn in Norway. Seating is limited.

Sunday, the 10th, is Mother's Day, so make sure you send your mom a card or gift and call her or take her to dinner. You only have one mother after all.

As promised, this is very short.

Let's hope it comes through OK.

From

North Pond Sailing Association

2009 Regatta Schedule

Sundays, July 12, 19 and 26 and Aug. 2, 9 (awards) and 16 (rain date only) at 1 p.m. at North Pond. The association has a Sunfish fleet, but all small sailboats are welcome to join us. For more information, please call 875-3726 or write Blaine Mills, P.O. Box 175, Greenwood, ME 04255.

system is a major priority for President Obama and Congress. This one-hour program will feature a panel of experts to share their perspective on how reform will help small businesses thrive. Panelists will respond to attendees' experiences and concerns. The program will feature Dr. Tom Whitney and Doug Clopp, an advocate/lobbyist for the Consumers for Affordable Health Care in Augusta. Those with an interest in becoming involved in a workable solution for healthcare reform and in learning more about the process taking place in Congress are urged to attend.

This year's subject, "Old-Time Toys and Games," celebrates these simpler pastimes, and students are encouraged to show children enjoying at least some of these activities in their submission.

All SAD44 elementary students (Grades 1-6) are invited to enter the show by submitting a drawing for an I-pod to be featured as well as materials on the Democratic Party. Roy Gedat of Norway is organizing the booth.

From

Oxford County Republicans

An Oxford County Republican Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, May 12, at Oxford Advent Christian Church, Route 26, one mile south of Wal-Mart. There will be a social hour at 5:30 p.m. and dinner served at 6:30 p.m. The speaker will be Matthew Jacobson, 2010 Gubernatorial Candidate, sponsored by the Hannibal Hamlin Women's Club.

From

Oxford County Democrats

Health Care Reform: Will Small Business Benefit? is the topic of a forum being offered as part of the Oxford Hills Showcase on Saturday, May 9, from 11 a.m. to noon. The forum is sponsored by the Oxford County Democrats and will be moderated by State Representative Terry Hayes of Buckfield.

Reforming the healthcare

"Old Time Toys and Games"

will be the featured topic of the 30th annual Faye Taylor Memorial Art Show to be held on Saturday, May 23, at the Bethel Historical Society from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In days gone by, long before computer and electronic games, boys and girls had many different types of toys and games.

Many of them may seem simple today and are not considered flashy, but they required some skill and imagination. Games such as Cat's Cradle, Marbles and Quints date back to the Bronze Age and earlier, while Tic Tac Toe was



A BIG ONE—Tommy Pialock, 13, of North Fryeburg caught this 5-1/2 pound, 22-inch large mouth bass in a local lake Saturday, while he and his brother Tom were visiting their grandparents Arnold and Pearl Jordan in Locke Mills.

3 and 4, Grades 5 and 6.

This show honors the memory of Faye Sanborn Taylor (1908-1972), a local landscape painter, who was interested in encouraging the creative talents of young people.

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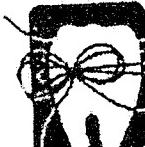
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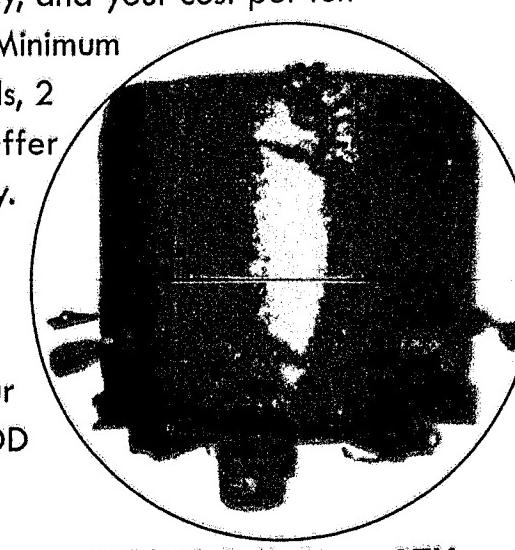
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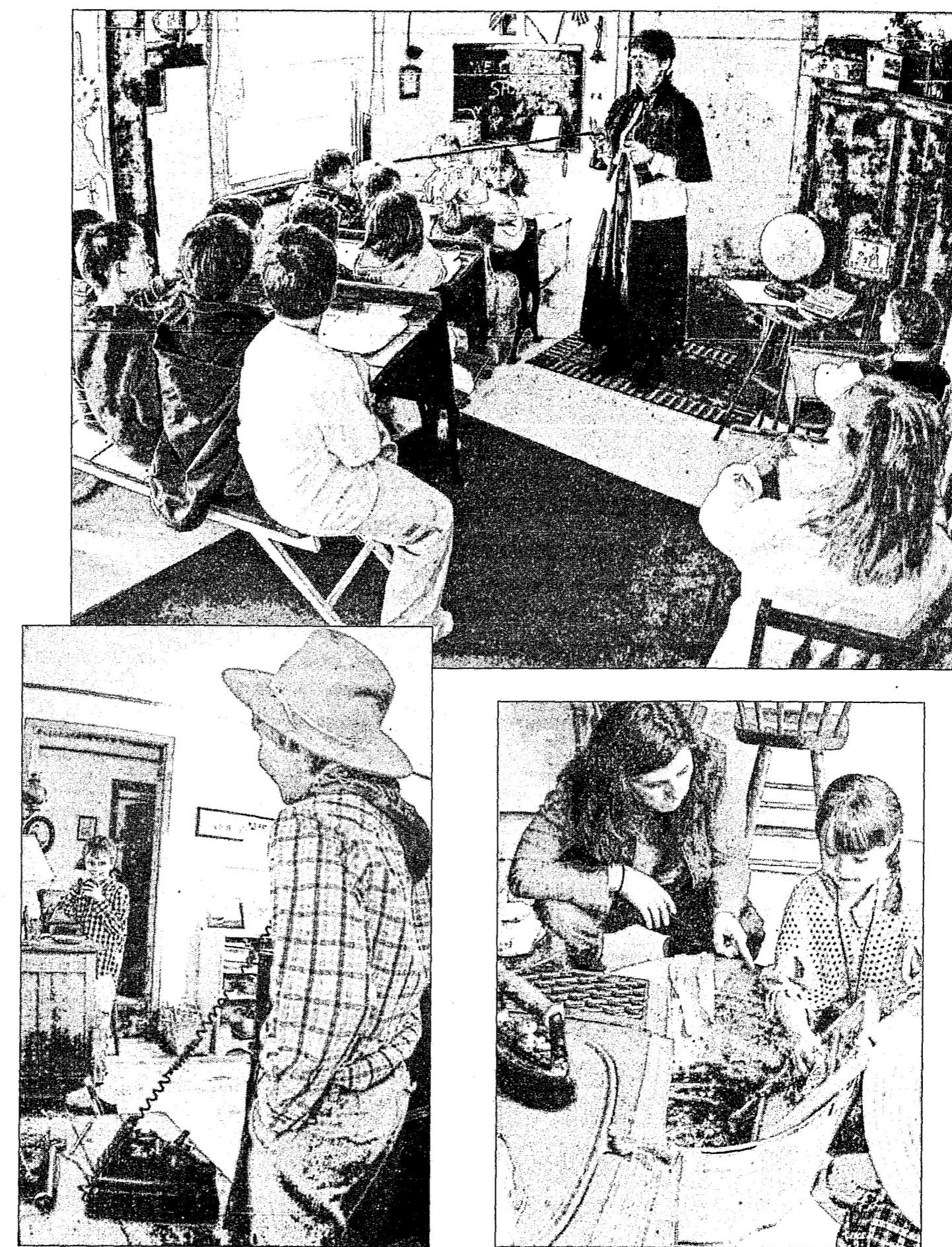
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Then and Now



"Grade One Then and Now Day" took place last Friday at teacher Norma Salway's home in Albany. Grade One pupils from Andover, Woodstock, and Crescent Park schools participated. "We wanted to provide artifacts and experiences to enrich students' understanding of how life is different now, than in the early days and to actively engage students in that process," Salway said. Clockwise, from top left: With a student reflected in the screen, Salway explains how a 1940s-vintage TV works ("No remote," she said); Salway's sister, Dotti Adams of Hanover, plays the role of a one-room-school teacher; parent Wanda Orino helps Brooke Clarey use a washboard; Ryan Anderson and T.J. Frongillo ring each other up on old telephones. (Salway will retire from teaching at the end of this school year. Her plans include writing a book of poems about Song Pond.) (Photos: A. Aloisio)

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GRADE FIVE

All A's: Monica Frazer, Akayla Curtis, Mariah Mil-

lett, Madison Prentice, Cameron Rothwell, Reggie Westleigh, Hunter Williamson, Brandon Zadakis.

GRADE FOUR

All A's: Kaitlyn Brown, Brayden Bean, Deziree Mackillop, Marcus Wentworth.

A's and B's: Cyrena Cox, Tehya Johnson, Chasity Pike, Jessica Pike.

CORRECTION

ON "HONORS"—The recent honor roll for Telstar High School should have included 11th-grader Mariah Bundy.

School Lunch

Week of May 11

Telstar/Middle School Lunches

Monday: Hot turkey and cheese/bun, french fries, pizza choices, 3 hot sandwich choices.

Tuesday: Brunch for lunch. Two pancakes, hash brown, sausage links. Sandwich bar, 3 hot sandwich choices.

Wednesday: Rice bar, chicken teriyaki bites, egg roll, pizza choices, 3 hot sandwich choices.

Thursday: Oven baked chicken, mashed potato, veggie, sandwich bar, 3 hot sandwich choices.

Friday: Stuffed shells, garlic bread, pizza choices, 3 hot sandwich choices.

Four fruit and vegetables choices daily. Veggie burgers available daily.

SAD44 Elementary Schools Lunches

Monday: Chicken nuggets, rice pilaf, broccoli w/cheese sauce, hamburger/bun, Smucker's uncrustable pb&j.

Tuesday: Italian sandwich, pasta salad, BBQ rib/bun, Smucker's uncrustable.

Wednesday: Pizza, jello, veggies and dip, chicken patty/bun, Smucker's uncrustable pb&j.

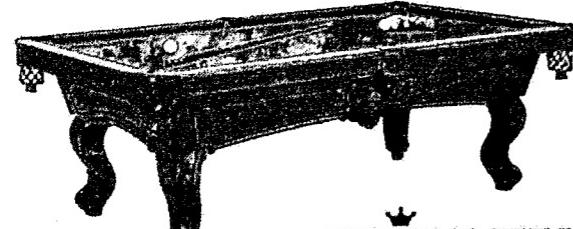
Thursday: Tacos, whole kernel corn, salsa and sour cream, homemade cookie, quick pick: yogurt, cheese stick, pretzel bagel, Smucker's uncrustable pb&j.

Friday: Brunch for lunch. French toast, sausage patty, potato starz, peanut butter and fluff.

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April 29—Mt. Valley 14, Telstar 2

April 27—Telstar 5 Boothbay 4

THS Varsity Softball

Telstar 2, Hall-Dale 1; May 4—Candace Hall struck out 11 Bull Dogs and allowed only one hit as the Rebels defeated Hall-Dale. Kayla Merrill scored the first run while advancing on a bunt by T.J. Cowin and Candace Hall scored what proved to be the winning run on a two-out single by Hannah Morin. Candace had a no-hitter going into the seventh inning before the Bull Dogs produced their first hit and scored their only run of the game. Hall Dale had two runners on and only one out in the seventh inning. Candace struck out the final two Hall Dale batters. — Coach Jim Lunney

Telstar 10, Mt. Valley 1; April 29—Kayla Merrill threw a three-hitter and struck out 10 and T.J. Cowin added a bases-loaded triple and single for four RBIs as the Rebels over ran Mt Valley. Nicena Walker and Hannah Morin added three hits each, Kayla Merrill had two as the Telstar team put up 6 runs in the 1st inning to jump ahead of the Falcons. Kayla was in total control on the mound and her teammates played flawless defense behind her. — Coach Jim Lunney

THS J.V. Softball

Round Robin at Madison, May 2—THS played a three game round robin tournament with game times limited to an hour and 15 minutes. The team beat Mt. Abram 16-3 in three innings, and lost to Madison 6-4 in five, and to Dirigo 6-4 in four. Pitching duties were shared by Nicena Walker, Tasha Farnum, and Sarah Averill. Leading the team with hits were Tasha Farnum, Victoria Forkus, and Hannah Morin. The team collected 32 walks and struck out only 9 times. — Coach Mark Kenney

Telstar 9, Mt. Valley 8; April 29—Telstar's Nicena Walker pitched a complete game, scattering 11 hits, walking 4, and striking out 4. Kallie Brown led the offense with four hits, Victoria Forkus and Tasha Farnum had three. The Rebels also got two hits each by Kayla Merrill, Nicena Walker and Sarah Averill, and singles by Grace Stover, and Gail Lavorgna.

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WATCH OUT—The Telstar Softball Team defeated Mountain Valley 10-1 last Wednesday. Here, Lindsay James ducks and slides for home as a high throw from the outfield gets by the MVHS catcher.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

TMS J.V. Baseball

Telstar 12, Mt. Valley 2; May 4—Telstar's Zack Hilts pitched the five-inning game, only allowing only 2 runs with 9 strikeouts. Travis Brown led the Telstar hitting attack with 3 doubles, while Nic Conrad, Zack Hilts, Dylan Gordan, and Zack Mills all had a hit. — Coach Tim O'Connor

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9:15 a.m. (Fridays) - Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

6:30 p.m. Mondays - Hillsman Barbershop Chorus rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway. New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. - The Yet To be Named Banjo Club practices in the Commons of the Fare Share Market at 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome to come and listen. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - Veterans' Advocate will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. - People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - TOPS, take off pounds sensibly, meets at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. - Tai Chi at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p-quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays 1:30 to 3 p.m. - Cancer Wellness Support Group support and education for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers at Rumford Hospital, Room 357 (2nd floor). Call (877) 336-7287 (toll free) to confirm during stormy weather.

10 a.m. Tuesday and Saturday mornings - Free Nordic Walking Demos at Bethel Outdoor Adventure (off Route 2). FMI and to reserve a pair of poles, call Kate Carroll at 824-2145.

Wall Hanging Quilt Raffle with all proceeds for Tyler Clough, a 9-year-old boy who has cancer. Tickets are \$3 for five or \$1 for one. To purchase tickets, call Jen Cross (cell 462-7840). Drawing will be May 29, 2009.

Thru Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day Madness in Bethel, a Buy Local Promotion in participating shops and restaurants in Bethel. On Saturday, May 9, sidewalk sales and events throughout the area. Watch for more information.

Thru Monday, June 15

6:15 to 7:15 p.m. - Bethel Area Youth Lacrosse for Grades 2 thru 6 (ages 7 thru 12) Monday evenings at Gould Academy. FMI: call Heidi Godomsky at 824-3624.

Thursday, May 7

4:30 to 6 p.m. - "Building Green — Saving Green" by Jesper Kruse, who recently started Maine Passive House, a construction company, will be a Down Home Maine presentation at West Parish Congregational Church downstairs hall, Church Street, Bethel. Open to public. Refreshments served. Voluntary contributions accepted to offset Senior College expenses. FMI: call Peter Gartner (665-2181 or Seabury Lyon at 836-2576.

7 p.m. - "Growing Food: Organic gardening for anyone"

It's always wise to call ahead

Listings in The Citizen's weekly Community Calendar are compiled from a wide variety of sources. While we do our utmost to ensure the reliability of the information presented here, we recognize that when dealing with such a large volume of material, some inaccuracies will occasionally creep in. And in other cases, a sponsoring organization's plans may change between the time The Citizen is printed and the event is held.

Accordingly, we strongly urge our readers to call ahead to verify the details of any event they plan to attend. Doing so will greatly reduce the chance of disappointment or needless inconvenience.

a talk by David Neufeld of North Star Design and North Star Stoneworks at Norway Memorial Library, Norway. Question and answer follows. FMI: call 743-5309 or visit www.Norway.lib.me.us.

Thursday, May 7 and Saturday, May 9

7:30 p.m. - Gould Academy Spring Musical, "Little Shop of Horrors" at Bingham Hall Auditorium at Gould. Open to public free of charge.

Friday, May 8

Noon to 5 p.m. - Red Cross Blood Drive at Telstar High School. Walk-ins accepted but appointments recommended. To make appointment, call (800) GIVE-LIFE today. Sponsored by Telstar National Honor Society.

6 p.m. - Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner at the Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River, sponsored by W.J. Wheeler & Co., Inc., Oxford Networks and Sunday River Ski Resort. Cost: \$38 per person for complete buffet dinner or \$325 for a business sponsoring table for eight (with added marketing and PR benefits). For reservations: call Chamber office at 824-2282 no later than Monday, May 4. Dinner at 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 9

7 a.m. - Bird Walk led by Lesley Rowse will begin at the parking area near Hastings Campground (about 2 hours). All ages and abilities welcome. FMI: call Androscoggin Ranger Station at (603) 466-2713.

9 a.m. to Noon - Shriners Screening Clinic for children with problems of bones, muscles and joints and provides rehabilitative care for burn injuries will be held at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway. FMI: call Eugene Tanguay at 824-3611.

11 a.m. to Noon - Oxford County Democrats will sponsor Health Care Reform: Will Small Business Benefit? as part of Oxford Hills Showcase.

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Maine Wildlife Park, Gray: Learn about Lobsters with Captain Tom of Lucky Catch Cruises. See and touch live lobsters, starfish, crabs, urchins, etc.

5 p.m. - Benefit Grange Supper for Oxford Pomona Grange 2 hosted by Franklin Grange 124, Bryant Pond. Menu: baked beans, casseroles, salads and desserts. Cost: adults \$7, children under 12, \$3.

7 p.m. - "Spring Fever with Birdie Googins" (a.k.a. The Mardens Lady and well known in the area as former Martha Lello), an evening of Maine humor at the Universalist Church, 479 Main Street, Norway, sponsored by Norway Business Association. Tickets: \$10 available at Books N Things, Creative Media, L.F. Pike's and The Village Gift Barn in Norway. Seating limited.

Sunday, May 10

10:30 a.m. - Mother's Day Sunday Worship Concert by recording artist Paulie Heath, singer, songwriter, at Bethel Church of the Nazarene, 16 Church Street. Sunday school with Mike Heath at 9:30 a.m. Public invited to attend. Free offering.

Monday, May 11

7 p.m. - Mahoosuc Community Band Spring Concert at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel.

Tuesday, May 12

5:30 to 9:30 p.m. - Supper/Dance at American Legion Hall, Locke Mills with music by Jones Band. Ham supper by Auxiliary. Doors open 4:30. Adults \$10, children \$3.50.

Oxford County Republican Committee meeting at Oxford Advent Christian Church, Route 26 (one mile south of Wal-Mart), with Social Hour 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Speaker: Matthew Jacobson, 2010 Gubernatorial Candidate, sponsored by Hannibal Hamlin Women's Club.

Wednesday, May 13

11 a.m. - Bethel Seniors Citizens Club meeting/dinner (\$7) at Alder River Grange Hall, East Bethel. Members to bring stories or jokes to share.

Support Services

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting, Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting, Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street; and Saturdays (Thanksgiving through April 1) at 4pm at Sunday River South Ridge Base Lodge, third-floor human resources conference room.

ADDICTION HELP

Narconon, a nonprofit public benefit organization that specializes in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions offers FREE assessments and more than 11,000 local referrals through the 800 line. Drug addiction can be overcome and Narconon can help. Call (800) 556-8865 or visit www.drugrehab.net.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3:00pm. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm during stormy weather.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center offers assistance to individuals or families with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and the Strafford Ave. Family Center in Rumford. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 744-4031 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 8a-4p. For more information, call Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-6pm; Wednesday 3-8pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or on off-hours 928-3222.

POST PARTUM

"Meet the Midwives" meets from 5:30-80 every first Tuesday of the month, and the Post Partum Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30. The meetings take place at Blue Moon Midwives, 176 Main Street, Norway, directly across from Stephen's Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 207-739-2800 or visit www.bluemoonmidwives.com

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Career Center in Rumford (364-3718), second Thursday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 29 Westminster St., 7:30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday; Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 392-4841.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church Rev. Jane Rich, Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All are welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

CALVARY BIBLE CHURCH

Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5. S. Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor Jim Rose, Youth Pastor, Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kids Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 392-2229.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7239 FAMI.

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickman, 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI: 824-6550.

Our Lady of the Snows - Saturday mass at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Angelo Levesque. 364-4556.

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Whitman Memorial Library

Programs for the Whitman Memorial Library have been set for the months of May and June.

On Thursday, May 14, Alvin Yates of West Paris, will speak about his work in forestry and timber harvesting in Russia and in Alaska. The program is at 2 p.m. There is no charge and light refreshments will be provided.

On Thursday, June 11, at 2 p.m. Cliff Gray from the Andrews Funeral Home will provide the program that was cancelled in February due to bad weather. If you have any questions concerning what you need to know about making arrangements this will be a good time to find out.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on June 25, at 2:30 p.m. at the library. The public is welcome to attend and we are always open to suggestions for purchases or activities.

Many thanks to all who donate books, tapes, DVDs, etc., to the library. If you are a fan of Catherine Coulter, come and check out several books of hers that were generously donated to us. We also received "The Forgotten Man" by Amity Shlaes, a story of the Great Depression.

Attention kids: We are still purchasing new books with the money raised at our 100th birthday celebration. We have four books in the "Diary of a Whimpy Kid" series by Jeff Kinney. We have the book "How to Talk to Girls" written by the nine-year-old Alec Greven. Also, "The Tales of Beedle the Bard" by J.K. Rowling.

For older kids, and kids at heart, we have the "Twilight" series by Stephenie Meyer.

Other selections include: "Downtown" by Anne Rivers Siddons; "The Great Upheaval" by Jay Winik; "The Secret Servant" by Daniel Silva; "The Shack" by William Young; "The Wednesday Letters" by Jason Wright; "An Unexpected Forest" by Eleanor Morse; "Imperium" by Robert Harris; "Body Double" by Tess Gerritsen; "Lost Light" by Michael Connolly; "Code Zero" by Ken Follett; "Rules of Deception" by Christopher Reich; "Promises of Change" by Joan Medlicott; "A Soldier's Son" by John Hodgkins; "Testimony" by Anita Shreve; "Fire and Ice" by Julie Garwood; "True Colors" by Kristin Hannah; "One Man's Wilderness" by Sam Keith; "The Associate" by John Grisham; "Bare Bones" by Kathy Reichs; "Winter in Madrid" by C.J. Sansom; "Mouth to Mouth" by Michael Kimball; "About Face" by Fern Michaels; "The Saboteurs" by W.E.B. Griffin; "The Faithful Spy" by Alex Berenson; "Lone Calder Star", by Janet Dailey; "Embers" by Sandor Marai; "Bel Canto", by Ann Patchett; "The Independence of Miss Mary Bennet" by Colleen McCullough; "5 Rules of Thought" by Mary Browne; "Eat, Pray, Love" by Elizabeth Gilbert; "Without a Map" by Meredith Hall; "Plain Pursuit" by Beth Wiseman; "Judge and Jury" by James Patterson; "The Pagan Stone" by Nora Roberts; "Sunset Bay" by Susan Mallery; "Montana Creeds: Dylan" by Linda Miller; "The Inn at Eagle Point" by Sherry Woods; "Left at the Altar" by Kimberly Kennedy; "Just Take My Heart" by Mary Higgins Clark.

Engagements



Gamble — Erdman

Leslie and Linda Gamble of Bethel, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Carmichael Gamble, to Jon Erdman, son of Harvey and Jodi Erdman of Livingston, N.J.

Sarah graduated from the University of Maine Orono and received her master's degree from George Washington University.

She is employed at the Historical Society of Washington, DC. Jon graduated from the University of Virginia and is employed by Solers in Arlington, Va.

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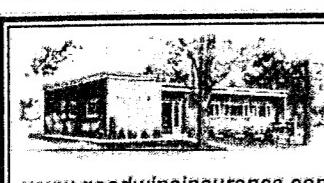
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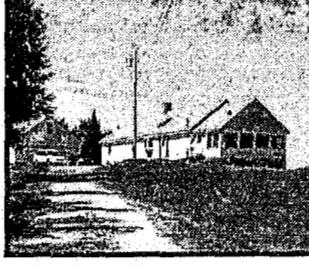
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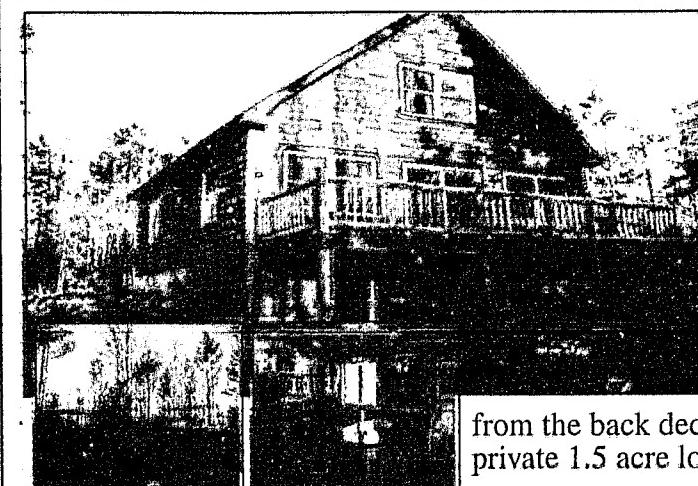
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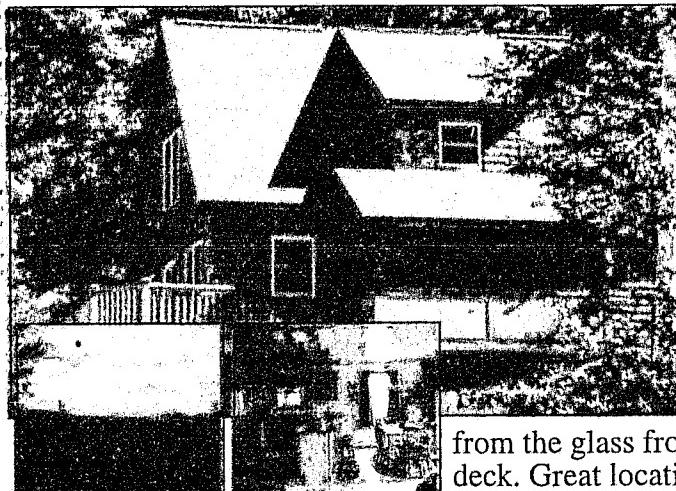
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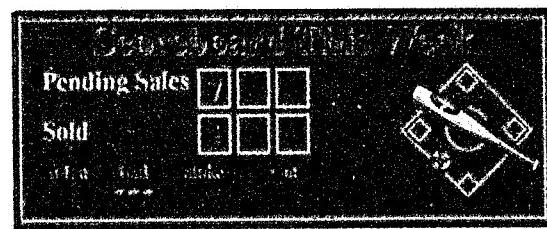
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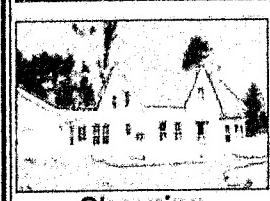
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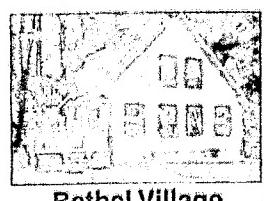
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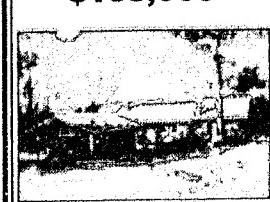
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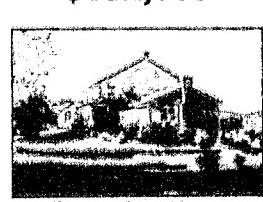
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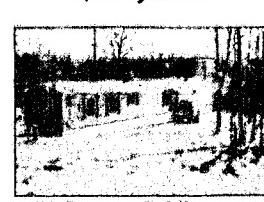
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Obituaries

ANNA M. RAYNE

Anna M. Rayne, 62, died on April 5, 2009 after a brave fight against ALS. Her daughter, Rachel, was by her side as she passed away in the beautiful and peaceful Levine-Dickson Hospice House in Charlotte, N.C.

Ms. Rayne was born Anna Marie Lizette Savoie Beaudry on April 11, 1946 in St. Edward, New Brunswick, Canada, the only daughter of Joseph and Roseline (Savoie) Beaudry. She moved to Waltham, Mass., with her mother as a teen and worked at Brandeis University where she would meet her future husband, John Rayne. She was a resident of Bethel, Crouseville, Washburn and Fort Fairfield, Maine for the majority of her adult life. Due to her illness, she moved to Charlotte, N.C., in December 2008 to live with her daughter, Rachel.

Ms. Rayne was a stay-at-home mother and home-maker until the early 1980s, when she went to work at McCain Foods in Washburn and Easton, Maine. She was an avid and skilled candlepin bowler who found friendship in the many leagues she participated in over the years. She also had a deep fondness for animals and often donated to local animal shelters.

She was the mother of Christine Rayne Caprise of Gilbert, Ariz., and Rachel Rayne Grantham of Charlotte, N.C. Both were graduates of Washburn High School. She was the loving and devoted grandmother of Thomas and Annaliese Caprise of Gilbert, Ariz., and Acadia, Camden and Kaden Grantham, all of Charlotte, N.C. She was pre-deceased by her parents, her former husband, John E. Rayne Jr., and her longtime companion, Warren York.

A memorial service and burial will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to The Joe Martin ALS Foundation at www.joemartinalsfoundation.org.

or by mail at The Joe Martin ALS Foundation, 100 North Tryon Street, Suite 3420, Charlotte, NC 28202 or to the ASPCA at www.aspca.org/.

**BARBARA H. INGLIS**

Barbara Hall Inglis, RN, 73, formerly of Prospect Avenue, Rumford, died Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at the Rumford Hospital, Rumford, Maine where she recently resided.

She was born on Nov. 26, 1935 and was the daughter of Herbert and Grace (Lancott) Hall. She graduated from Cony High School in Augusta and from CMMC School of Nursing in Lewiston as a Registered Nurse.

Barbara was employed at the Rumford Hospital for many years until retirement.

She was a member of the Rumford United Methodist Church; Past Matron of Mt. Zircon Chapter 142, O.E.S. and Past Grand Matron 1998-1999 for the state; member Daughters of the Nile AROK Temple.

She was married Sept. 13, 1958 to Richard N. "Dick" Inglis, Jr., who died Feb. 17, 2009.

Survivors include brothers William "Bill" Hall of Jefferson, Maine and Roger Hall of Old Orchard Beach, Maine; several nieces and nephews; several great nieces and nephews; brothers-in-law Russell Inglis and wife Josephine of Rumford, Timothy Inglis of Rumford, and Bruce Inglis of Fredericksburg, Va.

Memorial services will be conducted 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 9, 2009 at the Virgin Memorial Chapel of the Rumford United Methodist Church, Linnell Street, Rumford, Maine

with Pastor R. Kelly Harvell and Mt. Zircon Chapter 142, Order of Eastern Star officiating. Graveside services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 9, 2009 at the Demerritt Cemetery, West Peru, Maine with Pastor R. Kelly Harvell officiating. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to either the Oncology Department, c/o Rumford Hospital, 420 Franklin Street, Rumford, ME 04276 or Grand Chapter Charities, c/o Corley Ann Byras, Grand Secretary, P.O. Box 119, Bowdoinham, ME 04008 in her memory. E-mail condolences and memories may be shared at maderfh@gwi.net.

**JOEL H. HODSDON**

Joel H. Hodsdon, age 57, died accidentally on April 1, 2009 at his home in East Andover.

He was born in Rumford, on Sept. 6, 1951, the son of Virginia (Merrill) and Keith Hodsdon. He graduated from Fryeburg Academy in 1970 and excelled in their ski program.

Joel was a master craftsman as indicated by the log homes he built; starting from the tree, and he restored many homes in the Greenville area.

Joel owned and ran Tim Pond Sporting Camps in East Andover and later was the care-

taker of Chairback Mountain Camps in Greenville. He restored the Octagon Library at Chairback and was very proud of the outcome.

He coached skiing at Sunday River, Squaw Mountain and Shawnee Peak. Joel returned to the Bethel area as a self-employed contractor. He later became involved in the Gould Academy ski program as a coach and mentored and encouraged every child to become all they could be. Joel accompanied the Gould Ski team to France as a coach.

Joel was an avid outdoorsman and a Registered Maine Guide, who loved being in the woods, hunting and fishing; as well as a musician, a sportsman, and a friend. He was loved by many and will be sadly missed by many friends across the state from Stratton, Greenville, Brownfield, and the Bethel area. He was always happy to share his knowledge with others and to share hunting and fishing stories.

He is survived by his mother, Virginia Justard and her husband Gordon of Rumford; his father, Keith Hodsdon and wife Norma of Dover-Foxcroft; daughters, Jennifer Rivers and her husband Louis of Attleboro, Mass., and Erica White and her husband Barry of Freeport, Maine; a son, Tyler Hodsdon of Bryant Pond, Maine; grandchildren, Taylor and Colby White, and Emily Rivers; a sister, Brenda Giles and her husband Robert of Morristown, Fla.; two brothers, Jeffrey Hodsdon and his wife Rachel of Wilton, Maine, and Tim Hodsdon of Denver, Colo.; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by a sister, Allyson R. Hodsdon in 1963. A Memorial Service will be held 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 6 at Andover Congregational Church. Interment will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery. Relatives and friends may pay tribute to Joel at www.mem.com. Arrangements are under the care of S.G. Thibault Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 250 Penobscot Street, Rumford ME 04276. 364-4366 www.dignitymemorial.com.

Memorial donations may be made to the Oncology Department of Bridgton Hospital.

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NANCY A. BARKER

Nancy Allen Barker, 65, of Higgins Road, Waterford, passed away on May 2, 2009 after a long and courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Her faith and inner strength amazed everyone who knew her.

She was born in Lovell, Oct. 21, 1943, daughter of Geraldine Galloway and Rex Allen and graduated from Fryeburg Academy.

She was a kind, loving, generous and extremely caring person with a true heart of gold.

She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, gardening, crafts, shopping, cooking and going to camp.

Her greatest joy came from time spent with her granddaughter, with whom she traveled to her dream destination of Graceland.

She is survived by her loving husband, Errol "John" Barker of Waterford; a daughter, Amy and husband Floyd Pike of Stoneham; son, Nicholas and wife Sharon of Norway; a beautiful granddaughter, Denali; two brothers, Neil and Linda Allen of Lovell and Jeffrey and Barbara Allen of Waterford; three sisters, Jane and Dennis Perry of South Paris, Jeannine and Bradley Nelson of Winslow and Joanne Allen and her partner Jay Quinn of Gardiner; two sisters-in-law, and many loving nieces and nephews.

Per Nancy's request, there are no funeral services. Memorial donations may be made to the Oncology Department of Bridgton Hospital.

Births

BJ and Kristin Otten are proud to announce the birth of their baby boy, Bear Ethan Otten, born March 8, 2009 and weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

Welcoming Bear are paternal grandparents Les Otten of Bethel and Chris Otten of Brookline, Mass., and maternal grandparents Ernst and Jill Behr of Denver, Colo.

Everyone is doing great and Bear joins his parents and dog, Mosey, in Laconia, N.H.

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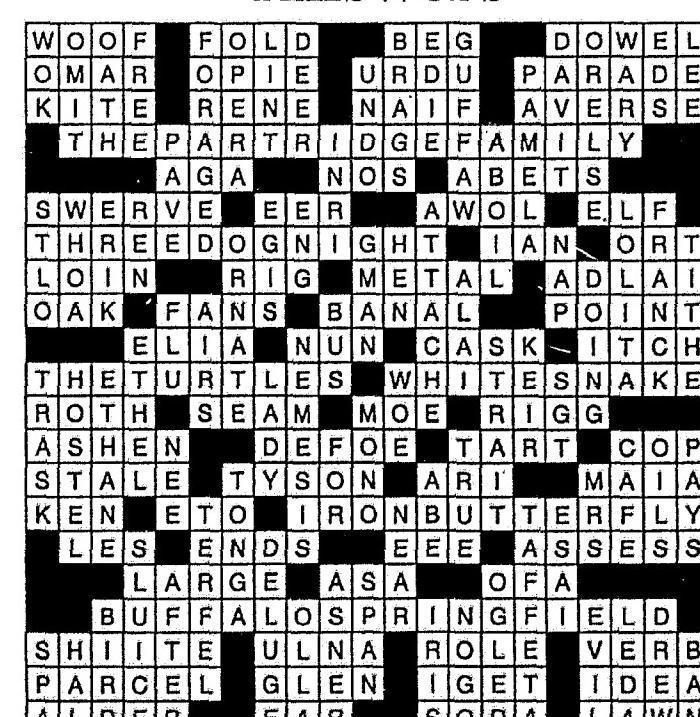
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